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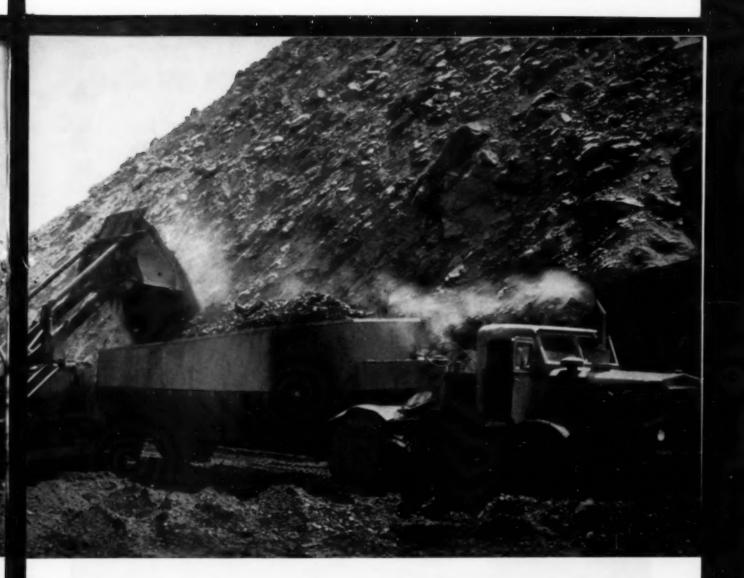
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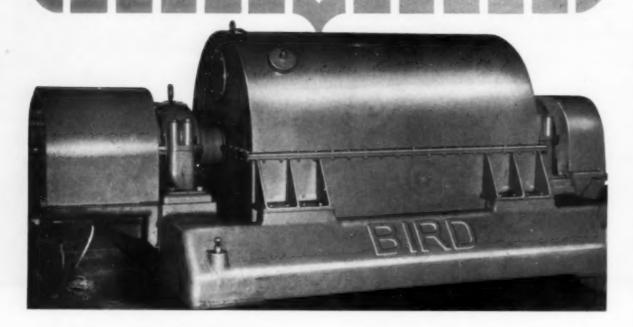
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▶ Competition

Nuclear	Power	Costs	T	ode	ay						
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Dr. Harlan W. Nelson, Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus, Ohio.

The economics of a nuclear system can be put on a firm basis only when operating data from commercial-size plants is available. This stage of development has not yet been reached in the U. S. although Great Britain and Europe are moving nearer to it. Cost reductions are necessary but are not likely to lower monthly bills since fuel makes up only about 15% of the delivered cost of electric power. Few believe that the U. S. will need nuclear power in the next 10 to 20 yr.

Along the Way—Nuclear power costs in U. S., Britain, Euratom countries; nuclear fuel cycles from ore to reactor and back.

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► Roof Support

How Visual Tension Indicators
Improve Roof Support with Bolts ... p 80

R. A. Gardner, Chief Industrial Engineer, New River & Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Co., Caples, W. Va.

Major improvements in roof bolting with visual tension indicators have been confirmed by a formal test program showing that indicators will satisfactorily indicate proper bolt tension at the time of installation and also loosening or excessive loading of bolts after installation. One indicator installed in every other row of bolts is sufficient in most cases.

Highlights—Table of torque-tension relationship of indicators; maps and photos showing effects of bolting when indicators are used and when they are not.

► Stripping

Hydraulicking and Scraping

Remove Overburden at Arctic Coal . . p 86

Subbituminous seam averaging 40 ft at Lignite, Alaska, is uncovered by bulldozing off trees and moss, hydraulicking sand and gravel mixture (200 cu yd per hour per giant), and removing clay with scrapers—working in from outcrop of coal pitching 10 to 15 deg. The coal is drilled with sidewall-type overburden machine and is loaded with shovel and front-end equipment.

In Addition—Bed thicknesses, reserves and coal characteristics.

► Deep Mining

Safety Features in the Design and
Development of Ireland Mine p 92

G. W. McCaa, General Manager, Hanna Coal Co., Div. of Consolidation Coal Co., Moundsville, W. Va.

Roof safety at Ireland mine is improved through the use of "satellite" roof-bolting drills mounted on boring-(Continued on p 7)

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type mining machines. Main openings with an extended life are top-brushed to a strata of coal above the Pittsburgh No. 8 drawslate. The roof coal is bolted, covered with wire mesh and gunited to provide long-term support. Development and pillaring plans have been designed to insure safety and contribute to maximum recovery. Pillars (64x64 ft) are split both ways, leaving four supporting blocks. All equipment, except haulage, is powered by AC. Primary underground voltage is 6.9 kv.

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► Roof Action

The Facts About Draw p 98

A. W. Hesse, Consulting Engineer, Waynesburg, Pa.

The draw concept, which goes back half a century or more, holds that when overburden breaks the breaks slant over the solid coal at 8 to 15 deg. Draws may occur, but not in this fashion. One reason is the nature of the rock, which should cantilever rather than break back. Well failures and the manner of their occurrence also indicate that vertical or horizontal shifting of the burden resulting from pillar failure is the cause of such failures, rather than draw.

Conclusion—"Draw" takes place but is a result of movement of surface material rather than of action that starts at the coal level.

► Slope Hoisting

Three Years of Hoisting

With the Princess Cable Belt p 106

New slope sunk to replace old shaft hoist and permit raising mine capacity. Three conventional conveyors originally planned for the 3,800-ft distance with vertical lift of 693 ft, but investigation resulted in choice of one cable belt for the entire lift. Wire ropes carry and move the single-ply belt. With a 550-hp drive, peak capacity at 400 fpm is 750 tph.

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► Stripping

How Hanna Uses Aerial Surveys p 112

Initial use of aerial surveying at Hanna stripping properties was in 1948 for the production of topographic maps. Besides contour maps and the stereoscopic studies they make possible, aerial photos can be assembled into photomosaics, making good reconnaissance maps. In addition to other uses, Hanna now is employing aerial mapping for quick determination of yardage figures in cost control. Other map uses are laying out access road (Continued on p. 9)

This Month in COAL

DEFINITELY UP—Developments in August made it clear that the economy has turned the corner and is on the upward road again. The stock market, incidentally, concurs. Thus, the question becomes one of how fast the pickup will be in the immediate future. The answer? As of the moment, some increase but no great surge before the end of the year, barring a major scare or the actual outbreak of fighting in the Middle East or elsewhere in the world.

Steel is still well under a 75% operating rate, and no boom in demand is expected before Dec. 31 unless there is an emergency. The situation is much the same in other bellwether industries. The picture to the end of the year, therefore, is one of unspectacular but definite improvement, with only a remote chance for a big stepup in the pace of operations from the levels of recent months.

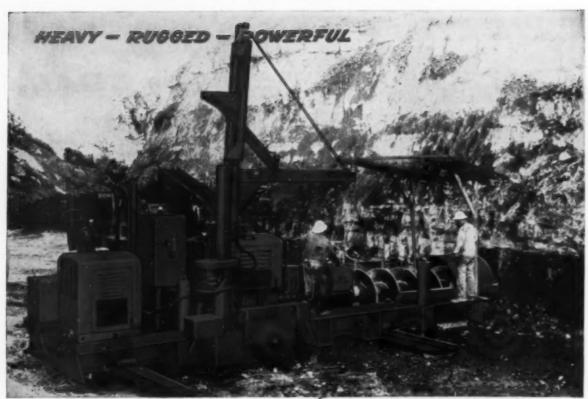
TAKEOFF IN '59?—Will improvement continue at a modest rate in 1959 or will there be a takeoff on another boom ranging from mild to robust? Some argue for the takeoff, basing their contentions on, among other things, the latent demand for motor vehicles growing out of the low rate of sales in 1958, increasing rate of junking as a result of greater age, and a continued high rate of family formation. The opposition, while conceding the existence of such a latent demand, holds that it alone, or in combination with certain other potentials, cannot generate a boom in 1959, though it might in 1960 or later. But there are no visible exceptions at the moment to the general conclusion that business will continue its late 1958 improvement in the year 1959.

AHEAD IN COAL—The fact that business definitely is on the uptrend makes it more likely that the most recent forecast for bituminous production in 1958—430 million tons—will pan out. Confirmation is found in the strengthening of the weekly rate to close to 9 million tons, with the prospect that it will go well over 9 million for at least part of the fourth quarter—and perhaps to 10 million or better in some weeks. The present forecast for 1959 is 510 million, and there is reason to believe that it can be realized if business hits a good pace next year.

Anthracite also was firming up as the industry approached the fourth quarter, though weather remains the big unknown. With a reasonable break, hard coal should pick up some of its losses so far in 1958, and should go into 1959 in better position.

RECESSION IN EUROPE?—Now that the United States is working out of its depression, there is some opinion that western Europe may pass from its present mild decline into a depression of its own later this year or early in 1959. If this should happen—and the "if" is a sizeable one—the recovery in U. S. exports of coal would be postponed for at least a time. Even without a recession, exports will continue to experience some additional difficulties arising out of heavy stocks and further recovery in the coal production rate abroad. Basically, however, there is no change in the conclusion that Europe will continue to need shipments at or near the past magnitude, if not greater, for some years to come.

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► Coal Gasification

The Economic Outlook for
Pipeline Gas From Coal p 116

Sidney Katell, Branch of Coal Gasification, U. S. Bureau of Mines, Morgantown, W. Va.

Minimum size of plant selected for economic study has capacity of 90 million cu ft per day. Four processes studied. Capital requirements range from \$95 down to \$80 million. Cost of gas with 12% gross return on investment ranges from \$1.13 down to \$0.84 MCF.

Possibility—Processes now available would permit building plant in area that would take over 90 million cu ft daily and would pay over \$1 per MCF.

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This Month
in
Mining Practice

TOP SLICING—More and more thought is being given to ways of mining vertical or nearly vertical seams. As a result, what might be called top slicing is growing and is being conducted in more and more instances "under roof."

Basically, top slicing is advancing a cut across the vein from one vertical or slant opening to another, starting a new one when the old is completed. The "roofs" are of several types. At the Bonanza (Utah) gilsonite mines they are fixed structures of planks laid on cross timbers and left in place, with a new roof being built after a specified interval of advance down the pitch. In Russia, some mines use a flexible type of roof which is dropped after each lift is completed. Whatever the loading system—hand or otherwise—reports indicate a major increase in efficiency.

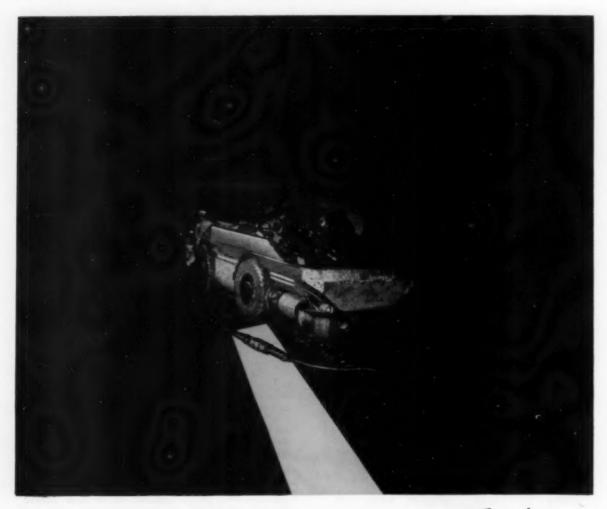
NEW ROOTING HORIZONS—Rooting is almost as old as the first bulldozers. Until recently, applications were rather limited because of the low horsepower of the tractors. The big machines of today, however, have taken the rooter into, first, breaking coal for loading and next into certain elements of the stripping cycle. Where a layer of shale lies directly on the coal, as an example, some operators, rather than go to auxiliary drilling and shooting or have the stripper struggle without supplementary shooting, now break it up by ripping. As another example, heavy bands or middlemen between benches frequently can be ripped to materially speed final removal. And so on.

GOOD MATCH—Is it likely that present preparation standards will change radically in the near future? Based on plants and equipment now being contracted for the answer is "No." Plain water, or water with magnetite or other means of raising density, continues to handle the bulk of the tonnage cleaned. Thus, except for the rise in fine-coal treatment and water clarification, the preparation pattern for the next few years is one of stability in basic approach and equipment, reflecting good matching with consumer needs.

GROWING ITEMS—Announcement from time to time of new equipment is evidence that systems for remote control of fans, pumps and substations, for blending coal by automatic control, and for other applications, is doing a job for coal. The big returns are in reduced manpower. In addition, such systems accomplish such things as automatic feed proportioning with a precision that no manual control can approach.

In store: Wider and wider use of such systems.

ROCK MECHANICS—Outside of supplying supports very little has been done up to now about the problem of roof rock in deep mining. This situation, however, is beginning to change, and a variety of investigations are being conducted into the makeup of roof rock and how it acts. The latest is the cooperative program on rock mechanics established by Imperial Coal and Penn State. With improved supports and improved strengthening methods, such research will hasten the day when accidental roof falls will reach the absolute minimum.



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The Coal Commentator

Money Minutes

Pay for not producing, though it is now embalmed in federal agricultural policy, still is not the road to the low cost a coal mine needs to stay in business and make a profit.

Theoretically, it is possible to set things up in a production unit so that it is never necessary to pay for an idle minute. Actually, this can never be attained in practice, but it is no reason for not concentrating on idle time. Unless concrete steps are taken to reduce it, there usually is a great deal of unnecessary idle time in a production cycle and a lot of it is critical time which limits the production of the unit-sometimes drastically.

What can be done? Answer: Study the cycle thoroughly in accordance with industrial-engineering principles. Wherever a man or a machine, particularly a loader or miner, has to wait on another man or machine concentrate attention there. Reshuffle the cycle and crew duties to eliminate the wait or get it down to the absolute minimum.

The payoff? Normally a reduction of 20 to 25% in face cost-and sometimes 40% or more.

Britain Too

The unhappiness of coal producers in the United States over oil imports is shared by producers in certain other countries also. The list now includes Great Britain, where there is a rising tide of debate over that nation's program of stimulation of oil use resulting from the fact that until recently the coal industry was unable to meet demand.

Now, the coal pinch has eased in Great Britain—at least temporarily—and restrictions on household use have been lifted, with restrictions on industrial consumption scheduled for early removal also. In addition, developments in the Near East have resulted, as in the U. S., in doubts as to the wisdom of excessive reliance on foreign oil to the detriment of the producing capacity of the coal industry.

Britain too seems to be in for a growing hassle over oil imports, and its addition to the ranks of those taking a hard look at fuel policy may help achieve an earlier solution elsewhere—specifically in the U. S.

Air Also

ORSANCO, meaning the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission, is becoming a fairly well-known abbreviation in coal mining as a result of its operations in the abatement of stream pollution. Now, we have another organization—the Ohio Valley Air Pollution Control Council, Inc., of Wheeling, W. Va., which is presently soliciting membership. From this, it will be easily gathered that the

council is a private organization and not a governmental authority with full police powers like ORSANCO.

OVAP has as its objectives development of research programs, the providing of engineering assistance in control of air pollution, the advising of communities on control ordinances and, eventually, the providing of administrative, engineering and control services (excluding actual enforcement) under contract.

Note to coal men: Organization of OVAP is one more indication that pollution of all types must be included in planning mining operations and sales in the future.

AC Addition

A new mine of the Ayrshire Collieries Corp., near Terre Haute, Ind., is the most recent example of the growing trend toward AC underground.

Face equipment at this new property will operate on 440 V, with the primary supply at 5,000 V to portable underground distribution centers. One item making the system possible is a mainline belt. Distribution equipment and supplies, specified by L. E. Briscoe, Ayrshire electrical engineer, and supplied by Westinghouse, includes 300- and 225-kva nitrogen sealed power centers. Initial mine production is estimated at 1½ million tons annually.

The march to AC is on. The advantages supply the impetus, though there are a few problems. One is lack of standards in many areas. Another is out-of-date standards. And overall there is a lack of consistency in regulations and standards. The quicker the action in this field, the sooner AC will be free to make its maximum contribution to safety and efficiency.

Not So Rare

A coal burner in a new \$30,000 custom-built house these days is a rarity almost in the same class with Hope diamonds. But the fact that it has been done, and plans have been laid for additional installations in the same development, is indication that the rarity could become less so in the future.

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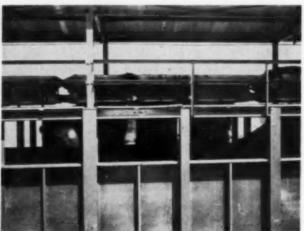
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Here you see trip of S-D Automatic Overlapping End Cars as it enters bin. Conveyor under track houls coal from bin to tipple.



Close-up above of S-B Automatic Bottom Dumping Cars was made while trip was dumping. You can see bottom dumping doors actually down and the coal discharging.

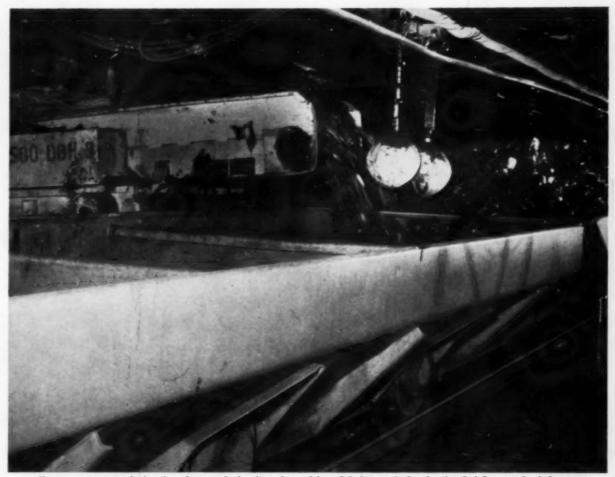


TWENTY-NINE MEN, including Mr. Chester Cureton, day-shift foreman, pictured above, and Mr. T. B. Smith, night-shift foreman, operate ans continuous mines two shifts at this mine. At present, operations consist of driving and grading a main fine heading a distance of some 27,000 feet. In early 1960, additional sections will bring this mine to its designed capacity of 5,000 tens per day with no change in the basic howings system.

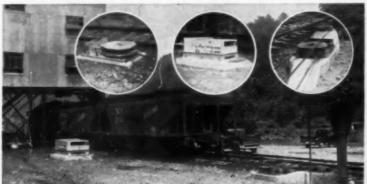


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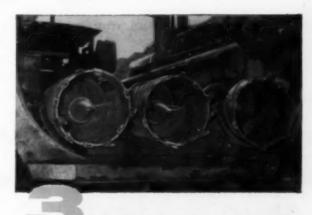
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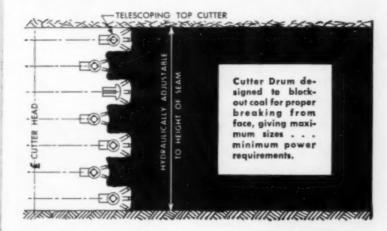
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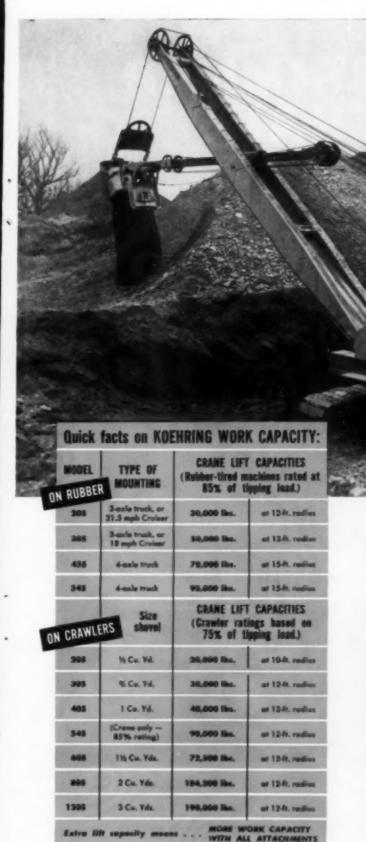


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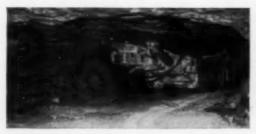
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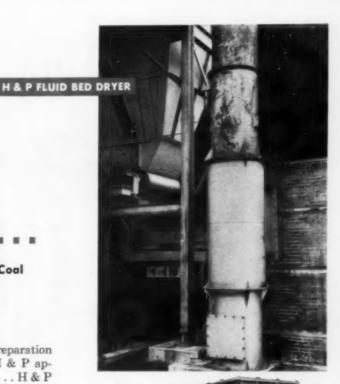
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Spotlight on Safety

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- · Big Sandy-Elkhorn Supervisors' Awards
- · Three First-Aid Meet Winners
- · Holmes Safety Award
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COAL MINE SAFETY progresses steadily. The U. S. Bureau of Mines halfyear summary of coal-mine fatalities shows the first half of 1958 to have a considerably lower fatality rate than the corresponding period in 1957. The key figures are coal-mine fatalities per million tons of coal produced and coalmine fatalities per million man-hours worked.

In the first half of 1958 fatalities occurred at the rate of 0.73 per million tons of coal produced, down from the 0.96 figure of 1957. The other comparison shows that in the first 6 mo of 1958 fatalities occurred at the rate of 0.95 per million man-hours worked, a reduction from the 1.21 figure of 1957.

Even though production declined 22% and worktime 24% in the first half of 1958 compared to the first half of 1957. these fatality-rate figures show concrete improvement in coal-mining safety. Total coal-mining fatalities for the first half of 1958 numbered 151, a decrease of 40%

when compared to the same period in

Big Sandy-Elkhorn Awards

At the recent Annual Awards Night meeting of the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Mining Institute 110 safety awards were

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presented to mine supervisors representing six coal and steel companies. The individual winners had records of from one to thirteen years of work without a single disabling injury to employees under their supervision. Some of the winners are pictured on these pages.

First-Aid Meets

Punxsutawney, Pa.-Winner of the recent first-aid meet here was the Freebrook Corp. team representing Ringgold Cleaning Plant. Their score was 98.067. Second place went to the Northwestern Mining & Exchange Co. team from the Kramer mine, with a score of 97.287, Third and fourth places respectively went to teams from Cambria-Clearfield Mining Co. (Springfield No. 6 mine) and Blake Coal Co., Inc.

Nanty-Glo, Pa.-First place in the meet here was won by a team from Imperial Cardiff Coal Co.'s Cardiff No. 1 mine with a winning percentage of 98.850. Second place was taken by the Lancashire No. 15 mine team of Barnes & Tucker Co. with a score of 98.750. Third and fourth places in order went te Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates' Colver mine team and the Mine No. 73 team of Bethlehem Mines Corp.

Indiana, Pa.-Imperial Coal Co.'s Diamond Smokeless No. 2 mine team copped top honors in the first-aid meet held here. The winners ended with a 98.900 score. Second place went to Pine Township Coal Co.'s No. 1 and No. 2 mine team with a score of 98.850. Third and fourth places went to the Kent No. 8 mine team of Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Co. and the Judy 14 nine team of Crichton Coal & Coke Co.

Holmes Safety Award

The coal mining industry of the State of Washington has been awarded the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Award. Washington State's safety record shows over 2.3 million man-hours worked without a fatality during the period from February of 1955 to February 1958.

Over 1.4 million tons of coal were produced by an average of 459 men during this period of time. On behalf of the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association Mr. Marling J. Ankeney, Director of the Bureau of Mines, presented the Certificate of Honor award to Governor Albert D. Rosselini representing the State and to Mr. Samuel Nicholls, president of District No. 10, representing the UMWA.

The safety association, which is named after the first director of the Bureau of Mines (1910-1914), is sponsored by the Bureau of Mines. This is the first time Washington State has won the award.

The Roof Bolt Story

The latest statistics on roof bolting tell an interesting and important tale. According to Marling J. Ankeney, Director of the Bureau of Mines, more than 20,000 miles of roof bolts were installed in American coal mines last year as a safety measure to curb roof falls. In the past 10 yr some 500 coal mines in 13 states have adopted roof bolting.

Not only have roof bolts made mines safer, but they have increased production too. Roof bolting has made possible the use of large, high-capacity modern mining machinery by replacing much of the conventional wooden timbering which had restricted operations of men and equipment.

Last year 229 of the more than 500 mines employing roof bolts reported that their entire output was from roof-bolted areas. Of the 358 million tons of bituminous coal produced last year in (Continued on p 28)



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7-yr men (from left to right): Ed Boggs, Royal Fleming, Hershel Childers, Bethlehem Mines Corp.; Raymond Ratliff, Republic Steel Corp.; Estill Cox, Bethlehem Mines Corp.; and Robert England, Inland Steel Co.



6-yr men (from left to right): Worley Mace, Delbert Davis, Howard Ferguson, Elzie Yates and Virgil Blevins, all of Inland Steel Co.



5-yr men (left to right): Elmer Ferguson, Inland Steel Co.; Dow Webb, Princess Elkhorn Coal Co.; Roy Conley, Inland Steel Co.; Walter Arrowood, Princess Elkhorn Coal Co.; and Clayton Dickerson, Inland Steel Co.



Freebrook Corp. team (left to right): Melvin Thomas, Irvin Gruver, Floyd Beers, George Startzell, Merle Reed, Kenneth Dinger (captain) and V. A. Stanton, district manager of Mine Safety Appliances Co.

News Roundup (Continued)



Imperial Cardiff Coal Co. team (left to right): kneeling—Herbert Strum (captain), James Henshaw, William Black; standing—John Pabrazinsky, Eddie Stiffler, Joseph Crawford and Paul Ludwig.



Diamond Smokeless No. 2 Mine Team (left to right): front row-John Simon, James Clements, John Rensko (captain), Thomas Hamacek; back row-Donald L. Alberter (mine superintendent), Morris Troska, Francis Mort, George Svilar and Everett White of Mine Safety Appliances Co.

underground mining, about 180 million tons came from roof-bolted sections.

During 1957 mines installed an average of more than 3 million new roof bolts a month—enough to girdle the earth if placed end to end. West Virginia led in the number of coal mines

using roof bolts, followed by Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

Next month look for the winners and scores of the Westmoreland County, Allegheny-Kiski and Southwestern Pennsylvania first-aid meets in this section of Coal Age.

Coal to Block Fuel Conversions

The National Coal Association, the UMWA and several members of Congress have joined forces to protest the conversion of government boiler rooms from coal to competing fuels.

Coal industry statistics listing government installations where heating plants are being converted have spurred Senator John D. Hoblitzell Jr. (Rep.-W. Va.), Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee (Dem.-W. Va.), Congressman Daniel J. Flood (Dem.-Pa.) and other members of Congress to question the economic reasoning behind these moves. Individually, they all have pointed out that modern coal-burning equipment and assured availability of the fuel at reasonable prices add up to better heat at lower cost than with other fuels. Congressional aid is being lent NCA's efforts to conduct heating surveys of the installations in order to show that coal would be the best fuel.

While the amount of coal involved at present is not large, the coal backers feel that coal is being discriminated against by the government, and that the discrimination is not based on a real knowledge of heating costs and economies.

Army installations form the major number of proposed conversions. However, the Army has already agreed to give the NCA heating experts a chance to present the case for coal, and it is hoped that other heating re-evaluations will take place.

Congressman Flood has proposed a bill which would require architects of future government buildings built in the U. S. to submit alternate plans utilizing anthracite heating units.

Research Bill

Legislation to establish an independent coal research commission to study new uses for coal has been hailed by coal industry leaders.

The commission would be empowered to formulate and execute an over-all research program designed to encourage production and consumption of coal in the U.S., and to appoint advisory committees to assist it in carrying out this program. Furthermore, it would coordinate all public and private coal research in the nation.

The bill has passed the Senate by a unanimous vote and has been put on the House calendar. There is a good chance that the House will vote on it during

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The GOODMAN Performance Report







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Coal in His Blood

HARRY WINSTON BRADBURY started his coal mining career shortly after the turn of the century in England, at the age of 14. In the middle of 1958 he was elected president of Glen Alden Corp., biggest U.S. producer of anthracite.

In between lie over 40 yr of service to the coal industry. Mr. Bradbury's first job in the U.S. was as a coal loader in Franklin County, Ill. Following WW 1 service, he steadily climbed in the 20's and 30's from assistant mine foreman to superintendent and general manager of various companies.

He owned and operated his own mine in Sparta, but sold it in 1941, and following courses in mine inspection, became a Federal mine inspector in 1942. His interest in safety training and the safety factors in coal mining are still very much alive today. In 1945, Mr. Bradbury became associated with Standard Ore & Alloys of N.Y. which eventually led to the formation of Midwest Utilities Coal Co. and his presidency.

In 1947, he built the famous Green Diamond mine and in 1952, he built the Bradbury mine, named in his honor, for Midwest utilities. Both these mines are very modern and illustrate Mr. Bradbury's great interest in mechanization.

In April, 1954, he was elected a director of Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co., and in September he became vice president of that company, and both Lehigh Valley Coal Co. and Lehigh Valley Coal Corp. Then he was elected president of these companies and of the subsequent Lehigh Valley Industries, Inc.

Mr. Bradbury, who is a member of several mining societies, devotes his spare time to cattle raising and farm land develop-

ment. He owns two farms in Illinois,



Donald C. McGraw Jr. Joins Industrial Distribution

Donald C. McGraw Jr. has been appointed associate publisher of Industrial Distribution, a publication of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., Inc., New York, N.Y., effective September 1, 1958. Prior to his appointment he had been advertising sales manager of Coal Age, Engineering & Mining Journal and E&MJ Metal & Mineral Markets, other McGraw-Hill publications. Mr. McGraw joined the company in August 1950 as

an advertising salesman. Before that he had worked for the G. M. Basford Co., an advertising agency, and for the Flower Grower. He attended the College of William & Mary and the Carnegie Institute of Technology. Mr. McGraw was on active duty with the United States Naval Reserve for 4 yr.



Henry C. Rose, President of Pittsburgh Coal Co. Div. of Consol, has resigned for reasons of health. He will be succeeded by George O. Tarleton. Mr. Rose graduated from Ohio State University in 1924 and spent several years as mining engineer for American Rolling Mills Co. In 1928, he joined the engineering department of Pittsburgh Coal Co. and climbed from assistant superintendent of Montour No. 10 mine to assistant production manager of the company. In 1940 he was appointed production manager. In 1949, he was appointed vice-president of Pittsburgh Coal and two yr later he was made president of Pittsburgh Coal and a vice-president of Consol.



George O. Tarleton has been appointed president of Pittsburgh Coal Co. Div.



People in Coal (Continued)

of Consol. He rose from a 15-yr-old laborer in Consol mines through the ranks as section foreman, mine foreman, mine superintendent and general superintendent at various Consol mines in W. Va. until 1942, when he was appointed manager of the Maryland and Pennsylvania operating divisions. In 1946, he was appointed vice-president of operations of the Kentucky Div. and in 1953, he was appointed president of that division, being made a vicepresident of Consol at the same time. In 1956, he was transferred to Pittsburgh as vice-president until his most recent promotion to succeed Henry C.

R. F. Wesner has been elected vicepresident in charge of operations for Boone County Coal Corp. He will continue as general manager and will maintain headquarters at Sharples, W. Va.

Otis J. Gibson has been elected secretary of Old Ben Coal Corp. For the past seven yr he has served as general atturney of the Western Pacific Railway.

J. W. Dorff has been named general (Continued on p 37)



Accident Prevention: Bishop No. 34 Mine

ACCIDENT PREVENTION at Pocahontas Fuel Co.'s No. 34 mine, Bishop, Va., is serious business. Offices of UMWA Local 6025 and company officials have united to carry out the slogan "No Accidents at the Bishop mine." Spearheading the drive that got more than 500 men to participate in the U.S. Bureau of Mines accident prevention course held at the mine portal are (left to right): seated-Joe McClellan, supt.; Frank Shelley, chairman, Safety Committee;

Andrew Johnson, president, Local Union 6025; Lloyd G. Fitzgerald, U.S. Bureau of Mines instructor; standing-R. H. Mayberry, company safety inspector; Louis Roncaglione, company director of safety; J. F. Meade, general mine foreman; T. K. Henegar, Safety Committeeman; and H. L. Clark, ass't. supt. A mine explosion on February 4, 1957, took the lives of 37 men in this mine. The current safety program represents part of an outstanding safety campaign here.



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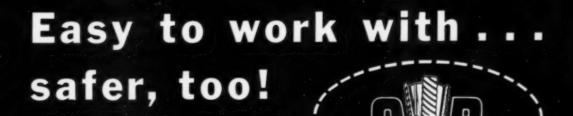
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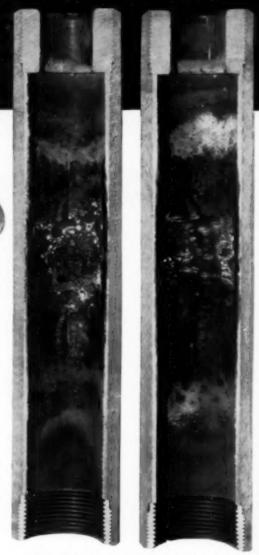
This unretouched photograph shows the inside of an O-B tap case after a standard O-B arc resistance test.

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Above: O-B tap case, cut in half after test.



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People in Coal (Continued)

manager of both Cannelton Coal & Coke Co. and Lake Superior Coal Co., Cannelton, W. Va. In addition, R. L. Turner becomes superintendent of Cannelton Coal and N. G. Clonch becomes superintendent of Lake Superior Coal Co.

George H. Drum has succeeded Hayden Owens as superintendent of Hazelton Div., Lehigh Valley Coal Co. Mr. Owens retired after 38 yr of service with the company.

Walter L. Pedigo has been elected president of Kentucky Coal Agency, Inc. For the last 10 yr he has been director of traffic for the coal agency.

William B. Jamison has left Consolidation Coal Co. to join his brothers in a newly formed family corporation, Jamison Coal Co. of Greensburg. He was formerly assistant to the operational vice-president of Consol.

Eugene Schoener has been elected executive vice-president of Lehigh Valley Industries, Inc. In addition, he was elected president of Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co. and Lehigh Valley Coal Co. Mr. Schoener has been associated with Lehigh Valley Coal since 1954 as treasurer and vice-president.

Henry S. Weatherholt, former general manager of Lehigh Valley Coal Co., has been elected to the office of vicepresident of that company. He joined Lehigh Valley Coal in May 1958.

David L. Francis, president of Princess Elkhorn Coal Co., has been reappointed chairman of the Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Other committee members from the coal industry are: Stanlee Hampton, Tennessee Consolidated Coal Co.; H. John Harper, Coal Div. of Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates; Harry LaViers, South-East Coal Co.; Edwin R. Phelps, Pittsburgh & Midway Coal Mining Co.; and Walter F. Schulten, Consolidation Coal Co.

Jesse O. Williams of Hart & Hart Coal Co., Providence, Ky., was reelected president of Kentucky Reclamation Association, Inc. Other officers include O. E. May, P & M Coal Mining Co., and G. N. Ranney, Riverview Coal Co.

Obituaries

William Blizzard, retired president of United Mine Workers District 17, died of cancer on July 31st in Charleston, W. Va., at the age of 65. For upwards of 40 yr he worked and fought for the W. Va. coal unions. Perhaps his greatest fame came from his participation in the most violent sagas of union development, including the Mingo Mine War, the Battle of Blair Mountain and the Cabin Creek troubles. Mr. Blizzard made the headlines when he became the only West Virginian ever tried for treason against the state. This charge stemmed from the Battle of Blair Mountain where he helped lead union men and sympathizers in a pitched battle with sheriffs' deputies, state militia and federal troops. The battle was an aftermath of union organizing following World War I. Mr. Blizzard was ac-

quitted of the treason charge, then tried on a murder charge and acquitted of that also. He retired from his UMWA post in 1955 after having served 33 yr as legislative representative of the union.

Ralph H. Moore, vice-president of Rich Hill Coal Mining Corp., died in Cresson, Pa., on July 28th at the age of 64. He was past president of the Central Pennsylvania Coal Producers' Association and the Eastern Bituminous Coal Association, and was currently serving as vice-president of both associations.

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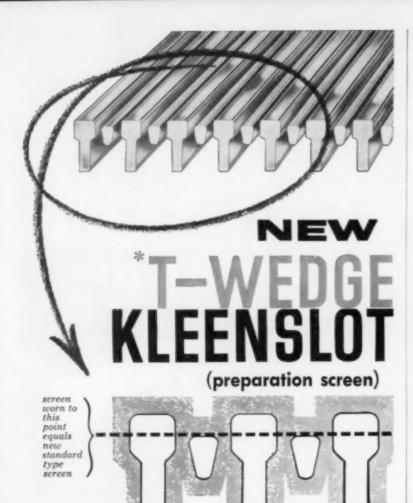
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this session, but if it does not, the next session of Congress should see it acted upon. Congressmen from coal producing areas hope that the results of the commission will give coal a needed lift.

Scholarships

Three students in mining engineering have recently been granted scholarships at Pennsylvania State University for the coming academic year.



Pictured above is Robert W. Hellmuth of Harrington Park, N.J., who received the \$600 Mathew J. Wilson award. Hellmuth is an entering freshman and was very active in high school athletics and extra-curricular activities, in addition to graduating near the top of his class.



David D. Reed of Tarentum, Pa., has been awarded a \$1,000 Joy Mfg. Co. scholarship. Reed (shown above) is a junior at the University and has worked for Joy for the two preceding summers. This is his third successive Joy scholarship award.

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Pictured above is Thomas V. Falkie, a graduate student at the University working toward his doctorate in mining engineering. He will receive a U.S. Steel Foundation fellowship. Mr. Falkie is married and is employed as a research assistant at the University.

Wyoming Coal Used

Recent developments have given Wyoming coal a big shot in the arm. Industry, too, will benefit from increased coal use in the state.

Construction is slated to begin next spring on a big new \$34 million power plant for Utah Power & Light Co. to be located 15 mi north of Kemmerer, Wyo. The utility has signed a long-term lease with Kemmerer Coal Co. to use 35 million tons of coal. The first 150,000-kw unit is expected to burn 500,000 tons a year.

This is the second large steam-electric plant to be built in Wyoming in two yr, and both state and coal industry officials are hoping it signals an upturn for Wyoming coal, after a decade of decreasing activity. High voltage transmission lines will be built to Ogden, Utah, and Evanston, Wyo., from which many cities in Utah and western Wyo. will be supplied.

Synthetic fuel plants using coal as a raw material may be built soon thanks to a bill passed by Congress.

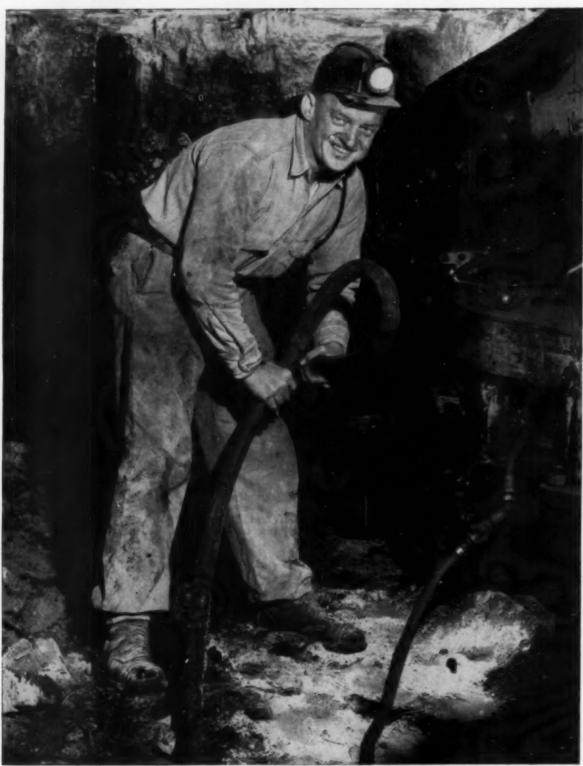
The measure triples the acreage of public coal lands that can be leased by a single firm. Wyoming officials say that this bill paves the way for a \$50 to \$150 million synthetic fuel plant at Rock Springs, Wyo., and developments of iron ore deposits near Cheyenne.

Union Pacific Co. has plans to extract synthetic fuels and chemicals from coal and use the remaining char as fuel for a steam plant if restrictions on use of coal from its right-of-way for locomotives only are lifted.

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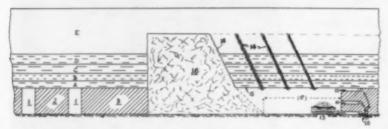
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Current Coal Patents

By Oliver S. North

Extensible conveyors, J. Craggs and K. McCann (assigned to Goodman Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.), Aug. 5, 1958. Improvements in extensible conveyors whereby the troughing roller assemblies may be readily disposed in proper position on the wire rope support strands. No. 2,846,050.

Extensible conveyors, E. R. Bergmann (assigned to Goodman Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.), Aug. 5, 1958. A signal device is provided for an extensible belt conveyor which will notify the operator when belt storage loops are approaching a condition where they will not be able to pay out any additional belting, thereby preventing damage to the belt. No. 2,846,054.



Mining method for supporting geological structures, P. B. Bucky, Aug. 5, 1958. In a method of supporting overlying formations so as to prevent surface subsidence in mined out areas, the roof of the workings is supported with roof bolts. When withdrawing from an area,

the bolts are removed and the holes working with loosely compacted fill which (see diagram). No. 2,846,205.

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Method for carbonizing carbonaceous materials, M. F. Nathan (assigned to M. W. Kellogg Co., Jersey City, N. J.), July 22, 1958. Low temperature fluidized carbonization process for treating coal, lignite, shale, oil sands, etc., and particularly for recovering solids suspended in the fluidizing gases. Gases containing entrained carbonaceous solids are combined with gases carrying entrained char particles, and the combined solids recovered as a product by a scrubbing operation. No. 2,844,526

Treatment of carbonaceous solids, M. F. Nathan (assigned to M. W. Kellogg Co., Jersey City, N. J.), July 29, 1958. Improved method and apparatus for the fluidized drying and heating of carbonaceous solids, such as coal, lignite, shale, oil sands, etc. Provision is made of contiguous, openly communicating drying and preheating zones. Solids are passed from preheating zone to drying zone in sufficient quantity to supply the heat required to dry the wet feed solids. No. 2,844,886.

Screening apparatus, L. Schlebusch, Aug. 5, 1958. Apparatus for screening fine wet coal, for example in the 7-12 mm size range, consists of a double deck screen and a bottom plate. The lower screen is heated by the bottom plate, which is made of a diamagnetic material. No. 2,846,070.

Washing jig, J. J. Richard (assigned to Link-Belt Co., a corporation of Ill.), Aug. 5, 1958. Design for a coal washing jig having a very high processing capacity which will efficiently clean and separate the coal from the slate and other waste materials. Separately actuated impulses of the washing liquid are effected in different sections of a wide bed of mineral particles. No. 2,846,071.

Apparatus for handling conveyor belting for an extensible conveyor, J. Craggs and K. McCann (assigned to Goodman Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.), Aug. 5, 1958. Improved construction of extensible belt conveyors, whereby lengths of belting may be placed and removed more rapidly than has been possible heretofore. No. 2.846,051.

Fluid energy grinding, L. T. Work (assigned to Texaco Development Corp., New York, N. Y.), Aug. 5, 1958. Design for a new apparatus and method for fluid energy grinding of coal and other minerals, whereby erosion of the grinding tube is substantially eliminated and relatively low grinding temperatures may be employed. The material to be ground is first suspended in a volatilizable liquid, such as water, kerosene, mineral oil, propane or butane prior to introduction in the apparatus. No. 2,846,150.

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Research Program

Imperial Coal Corp. of Johnstown, Pa., and Pennsylvania State University have begun a cooperative research program in rock mechanics. Imperial Coal is giving financial support and has provided the Diamond mine, near Johnstown, for field work. The University has assigned a graduate assistant, William Lane, to the project and is providing laboratory facilities in the Department of Mining.

The investigation will entail a study of roof and floor conditions in the mine with the objective of minimizing the problems encountered with rock strata overlying and underlying the coal seam being mined. Plans are to measure the extent of the load developed on roof supports in the mining area and to install special instruments to determine the success of modifications in the mining plan. Laboratory studies of rock specimens and mine models will be carried out.

Mr. Herbert E. McGinnis will represent Imperial Coal on the project, and Mr. Robert Stefanko, Instructor, and Dr. Howard L. Hartman, Head, Department of Mining, will have charge of the project for the University.

Montana Stripping

A coal stripping operation has been started 20 mi southwest of Sidney, Mont. Coal from the mine, which is operated by Knife River Coal Mining Co., will be used in the Sidney steamelectric plant of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

The around-the-clock operation is a new industry for the Sidney area. A dragline and a seven-cu-yd bucket mine 20 carloads of coal each day, which are transported by rail to the power plant.

Coal Pipeline

Consolidation Coal Co.'s 108-mi coal pipeline between Georgetown and East-lake, Ohio, is now in full operation. It took almost two yr after its completion to iron out the bugs from this pioneer venture, but in the last few months successful operation in excess of planned capacity has been accomplished.

A joint undertaking of Consol and Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., the \$13.5 million venture is by far the longest solids-transporting pipeline in the world. The experience gained in bringing about this success will be very valuable to future builders of solids-transporting pipelines.

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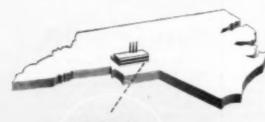
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Cleveland Electric has contracted to buy 18 million tons of coal in 15 yr and already reports "substantial savings" through use of the pipeline.

NCA Torpedos Oil

Foreign oil imports may be in for trouble if the National Coal Association succeeds in convincing government regulatory agencies that the coal industry has been hurt by the oil imports.

Tom Pickett, executive vice-president of NCA, stated that "The new Trade Agreements Extension Act just approved by President Eisenhower contains a clear mandate from Congress to relieve essential industries like coal from the damage done by foreign imports [like oil]." Reasoning from this premise, Mr. Pickett and his staff are gathering current data to show how unrestricted imports of foreign residual oil have continued to flood coal's normal markets since 1954.

Industrial consumers who might have burned about 57 million tons of coal last year were lost to foreign oil imports. According to Mr. Pickett, this loss represents more than 24,000 jobs for American coal miners.

Under the terms of the newly-signed reciprocal trade law, coal is an essential industry and is being adversely affected by the oil imports. Mr. Pickett stated that "The government has no alternative but to restrict the heavy flow of foreign oil into coal's traditional markets."

Mines, Companies

A new coal field is to open in the Nucla, Colo., area.

Office-lab-shop facilities are already under construction for Edna Coal Co. of Denver. The operation is espected to supply 100 to 300 tpd starting in January to the new 37,500-kw Colorado-Ute steam power plant now under construction at Nucla.

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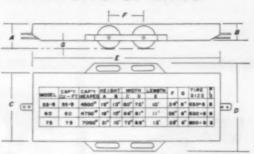
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Mines, Companies (Continued)

erations, even on the coal land it recently bought from Glen Alden Corp., and instead will lease out its land to other mining companies. It is expected that Susquehanna will confine its activities to preparing and selling the coal mined on its land. The Shamokin-Newport Coal Co., which leased the No. 30 slope, confirmed the idling of the men due to high operating costs and the worked-out condition of the mine.

A cost survey for the proposed steam power plant in the Roslyn-Cle Elum area of Washington State has been completed.

The results of the survey show that steam-electric power would be economically competitive with the hydroelectric power produced in the area, provided the steam-electric power could be sold in conjunction with secondary power obtained from the Bonneville Power Administration. Construction on a 250,000-kw steam plant is tentatively slated to begin in 1960 with completion expected in 1963. The plant will burn coal leased from Northern Pacific Railroad Co.'s Cle Elum properties by the Kittitas County Public Utilities District.

Dominion Coal & Steel Co.'s problem is a tourists' delight.

A one-million-ton coal bank at Sydney, Nova Scotia, which piled up because of slack business, has become quite a tourist attraction.

The Thompson Creek No. 3 mine near Carbondale, Colo., has gone back into operation after a 30-day shutdown.

A resumption in coal demand by U.S. Steel Corp. has caused the resumption of work. The original closure resulted from a union jurisdictional struggle.

Associations

The Mining Electro-Mechanical Maintenance Association has announced the results of its annual election for Central Advisory Council officers and members of the executive committee.

The new president is Myles E. Altimus, U.S. Steel Corp. First, second and third vice-presidents in order are: Chester S. Conrad, Mountaineer Coal Co.; Robert A. Huth, Universal Welding & Metals, Inc.; and Harry J. Young, Cooke-Wilson Electric Supply Co.

Robert R. Williams Jr., manager of mines for Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp., has been elected president of the Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute.

Williams, with CF&I since 1925, succeeds Robert M. Von Storch of Columbia-Geneva Steel Div., U.S. Steel Corp.

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Coal Abroad

German Coal Glut

Mounting coal stocks in West Germany have brought about both industry and government action in an attempt to ease the situation. With approximately 10 million tons of unsold pithead coal, industry has begun to declare miners' holidays and the West German government has acted to restrict fuel in ports, while easing exports.

Some 60,000 miners in the coal-rich

Saar have already had a one-day holiday, which resulted in a 55,000-ton production loss. Similar measures may be repeated in West Germany in order to cut down the daily increase in stocks of about 50,000 tons. The Ruhr mining industry has also stated that modernization efforts to cut costs will be continued.

The West Cerman government acted by stipulating a maximum delivery period of 18 mo on coal and fuel contracts, instead of the 3 yr previously allowed. Also, it decreed that solid fuels imported from the "dollar area" may be re-exported in the future to countries outside the six-nation ECSC.

If these actions are not effective, public ownership of the coal mines as proposed by the Social Democratic Party, may be on its way.

Japan

Hunts for New Coal Sources

Representatives of Japanese steel companies continue their search for new coal sources. At present, Japanese steel mills import about 3 million tons of bituminous coal annually, of which 2.7 million tons comes from the U.S. However, freight charges of \$8 per ton for U.S. coal have made the steel companies very interested in switching their major source.

Australian coal, with a freight charge of less than \$5 per ton, seems to interest the Japanese greatly. Large deposits of high-quality bituminous coal recently discovered in New South Wales, Australia have been sample-tested by Fuji Iron & Steel Co. with su-cess. A Japanese survey mission is to be sent to Australia in the near future to investigate the possibility of importing coal. If this works out, the cost of Japanese steel production will be considerably reduced.

In mid-August the Japanese sent a commission to Alaska to investigate possibilities of importing coking-grade coal from the undeveloped Bering River coal field.

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Even though the prices reported are said to be among the lowest paid for bituminous coal, Poland is believed to have made an excellent deal because growing world coal stocks may soon result in considerable price cuts.

Meanwhile negotiations are continuing for the purchase by Argentina of Chilean coal.

Red China

Hydraulic Mining Urged

The Red Chinese are switching to hydraulic mining. Peking radio said that the National Conference on Coal Mining has decided to introduce hydraulic mining in China on a large scale. A Division of Universal Marion Corporation

The Conference decided that hydraulic mining should be made the principal method in developing the coal industry, and naturally, representatives of the major collieries went along with this "suggestion." Most major mines are expected to make the change by the end of 1959.

OVERSEAS FLASHES

POLAND—The price of pulverized coal is so low that it can compete with petroleum. In fact, Swedish cement and cellulose manufacturers are said to be considering converting from oil to pulverized coal, using Polish sources.

INDIA—A plant to manufacture coal industry equipment with a production capacity of 30,000 tons will be built with Russian aid. Estimated cost is \$31.5 million.

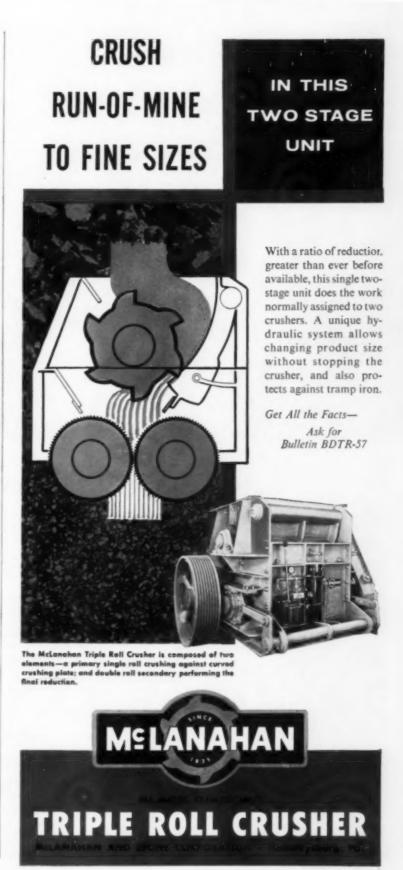
CZECHOSLOVAKIA – The precarious solid fuel conditions in this country have forced the government to exploit all fuel sources, even at high cost. Subsoil gasification of hard-to-get brown coal deposits in Czechoslovakia are scheduled to start in 1959. Tests have already begun. The gases are to drive turbines in an electric power plant.

CHINA—Equipment for a new coal hydrogenation plant will arrive here shortly from Russia. Located in Fushun, the new plant will use bituminous coal from rich fields recently uncovered in the vicinity. Pilot plant tests are claimed to give 80 barrels of motor oil, fuel oil and allied products from 100 tons of coal.

eTALY - Coal consumption here decreases steadily while the use of liquid and gaseous fuels increases, reports the Italian Coal Merchants Association. This, plus the lifting of coke duties and increased market competition, is hurting Italian imports of U.S. coal.

FRANCE-French coal imports dropped sharply in the second quarter of 1958 due to large stocks on hand at French mines. In the first quarter of 1958, France imported 4,650,000 tons of foreign coal while in the second quarter of the year imports dropped to 3,884,000 tons. Imports from the U.S. went from 1,226,000 tons in the first quarter to 761,000 in the second.

RUSSIA-A recent Russian conference on the development of Siberia indicated that coal output there will be gready increased in the next few years. Siberian coal output will double by 1965, according to the Soviets, in line with a shift of industries needing heat and electricity to that area.





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New feed principle provides low overall height and longer travel. The S-20's feed consists of an air piston combined with a chain in such a way that the travel of the machine is double the travel of the feed piston. As a result, it drills a deeper hole with one steel change than a standard stoper does with two changes.

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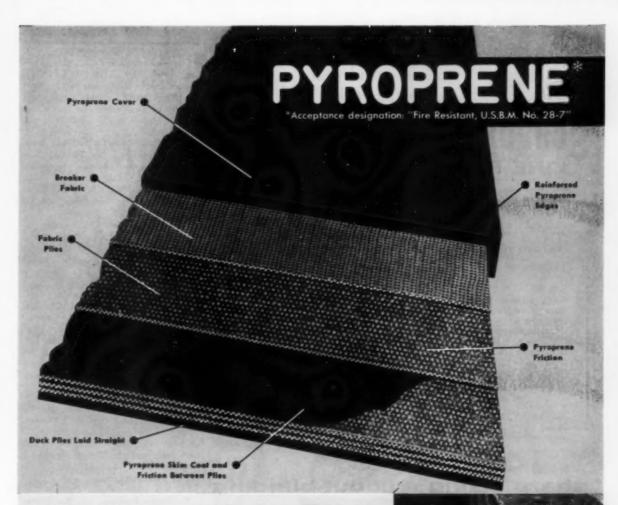
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Lake Superior Coal Co., Superior, W. Va.-Contract closed with Kanawha Mfg. Co. for dust collection system for preparation plant including American Air Filter Amer-Clone dry dust collector-56,000 cfm capacity.

Semet-Solvay Div., Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., Tralee, W. Va.-Contract closed with Eimco Corp. for water clarification equipment consisting of two vacuum filters and a refuse thickener for handling froth and tailings from flotation cells. Solids to be 100x0 mesh. completion expected in late 1958.

Cornell Coke Co., Sabraton, W. Va. -Contract closed with Deister Concentrator Co., Inc. for three Concenco "77 diagonal deck coal washing tables with twin decks and one Concenco revolving feed distributor Model 108 to handle 1/4-in bituminous coal.

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Wisconsin Steel Div., International Harvester Co., Benham, Ky.—Contract closed with Link-Belt Co. for an automatic coal preparation plant to wash, dry and screen 400 tph of run-of-mine coal. Equipment such as concentrating tables, water clarifiers including a Link-Belt 70-ft circular thickener and disk-type vacuum filter, and an air-pulsated wash box will be used. Completion is expected in early 1959.

New Books

Coal Economics

The Economics of the Coal Industry, by Hubert E. Risser. This volume is a study to determine past and present changes in the bituminous coal industry of the United States and to analyze the economic implications of these changes. Segments of the industry receiving particular attention are structure of the industry, especially size of operating units; production and consumption; technology, including methods, equipment and productivity with various equipment and methods; employment by method, by different sizes of company and by occupation; and geographic location of the industry. The study covers changes during the years 1903-1953.

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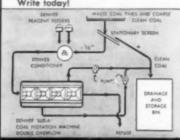
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Dust Explosion Hazard

Standard for Prevention of Dust Explosions in Coal Preparation Plants, NFPA No. 653 is a new standard covering building construction and arrangement for plants producing conditioned coal for firing boilers or power plants. It also gives details on how to prevent dust explosions, and equipment for screening, crushing, pulverizing, drying and conveying the treated coal. Prepared by the National Fire Protection Association committee on dust explosion hazards, the standard was adopted at the Association's annual meeting, 20 pp. 50¢, National Fire Protection Association, 60 Batterymarch St., Boston, Mass.

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How to Supervise People, by Alfred M. Cooper is the fourth edition of this work and has been revised to take account of changing conditions under which today's supervisors must direct their subordinates. It covers all the typical problems of hiring, discipline, preventing accidents, promoting, teamwork, delegating authority and labor relations. Question material that suits the book for conference training is in-



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Mining Electro-Mechanical Maintenance Association; 6th annual general meeting and banquet, Central Advisory Council, Sept. 27; Summit Hotel, Uniontown, Pa.

American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, Inc.; Solid Fuels Conference, October 9-10, Chamberlain Hotel, Old Point Comfort, Va.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers-American Society of Lubrication Engineers; 5th Annual Joint Lubrication Conference, October 13-15, Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.

National Safety Council; Coal Mining Section of the National Safety Congress, October 20-22, Chicago, III. Write R. L. Forney, Secretary, National Safety Council, 425 N. Michigan Ava., Chicago 11, III., for information.

Illinois Mining Institute; 66th Annual Meeting, October 24, Hotel Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Ill.

American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, Pittsburgh Section; 13th Annual "off-the-record" Meeting, November 7, Penn-Sheraton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy-U. S. Bureau of Mines; 4th Annual Symposium on Mining Research (dealing mainly with ammonium nitrate explosives this year), November 13-15, Rolla, Mo.

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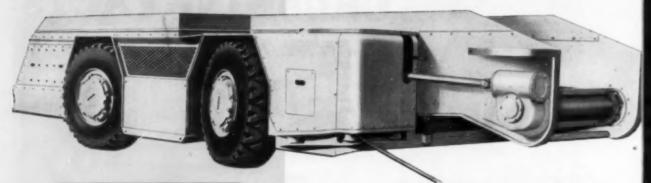


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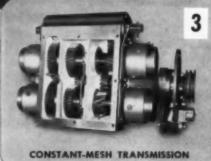
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Equipment Approvals

Twenty-four approvals were issued during June and July.

Jeffrey Mfg. Co.-Model ML81 loader; five motors, four 15 hp and one 4 hp. 250 v. DC. Approval 2-1369, June 4.

Goodman Mfg. Co.-Type 424 borer; one motor, 250 hp, 230 v, DC. Approval 2-1370, June 4.

National Mine Service Co.-Type 36 Torker; one motor, 171/2 hp, 440 v. AC. Approvel 2-1371A, June 9.

Jeffrey Mfg. Co.-Model MM61 AMC conveyor; one motor, 50 hp. 250 v. DC. Approval 2-1372, June 10.

Goodman Mfg. Co.-Special 425 borer; two motors, one 250 hp and one 10 hp. 230 v. DC. Approval 2-1373, June 10.

Linde Co.-Coal breaking machine; one motor, 10 hp, 230 v, DC. Approval 2-1374, June 10.

Jeffrey Mfg. Co.-Model ML81 loader; five motors, four 15 hp and one 4 hp, 250 v, DC. Approval 2-1375, June 17.

Goodman Mfg. Co.-Type 670-10 shuttle car; three motors, two 20 hp and one 10 hp, 440 v, AC. Approval 2-1376A, June 18.

Goodman Mfg. Co.-Type 670-11 shuttle car; three motors, two 20 hp and one 10 hp, 440 v, AC. Approval 2-1377A, June 18,

Ensign Electric & Mfg. Co.-Type L distribution bes: one 800-amp circuit breaker, 220/440 v. AC. Approvals 2-1378 and 2-1378A, June 25.

Joy Mfg. Co.-Type ICM-3BH miner; eight motors, four 71/2 hp, one 15 hp, two 100 hp and one 30 hp, 440 v, AC. Approval 2-1379A, June

Jeffrey Mfg. Co.-Type MT66 shuttle car; three motors, each 15 hp. 250 v. DC. Approval 2-1380,

Jeffrey Mfg. Co.-Type MT66 shuttle car; three motors, each 15 hp, 250 v, DC. Approval 2-1381, June 30.

Jeffrey Mfg. Co.-Type 86 Colmol; three motors, each 50 hp, 500 v, DC. Approval 2-1344A, July 2.

Schroeder Bros., Inc.-Roof drill: one motor, 71/2 hp. 230 v, DC. Approval 2-1382, July 2.

Goodman Mfg. Co.-Type 300 borer; one motor, 250 hp. 250 v. DC. Approval 2-1383, July 17,

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shuttle car; three motors, two 20 hp end one 10 hp. 440 v. AC. Approval 2-1384A, July 18.

Ethel Chilton Mines, Inc.—Rebuilt Joy 5SC-8E, SSC-8XE shuttle cars; three motors, each 71/2 hp. 250 v. DC. Approval 2-1385, July 18.

Salem Tool Co.—Underground coal auger; two motors, each 50 hp, 250 v, DC. Approval 2-1386, July 25.

Jeffrey Mfg. Co.-Type MM76 AM Colmol with remote control; three motors, each 50 hp, 250 v, DC. Approvel 2-1387, July 28.

Jeffrey Mfg. Co.-Type MT67

shuttle car; three motors, either two 23 hp and one 25 hp, 440 v, AC, or two 20 hp and one 25 hp, 415 v, AC. Approval 2-1388A, July 28.

Manson Machine Co.-Wet rock dust distributor; one motor, 2 hp. 230 v. DC. Approval 2-1389, July 29.

Acme Machinery Co.-Model HS-HL-48 high seem drilling machine; one motor, 65 hp, 230 v, DC. Approval 2-1390, July 30.

Joy Mfg. Co.-MBCI-IF conveyor; two motors, one 75 hp and one 4 hp. 500 v. DC. Approval 2-1391A,



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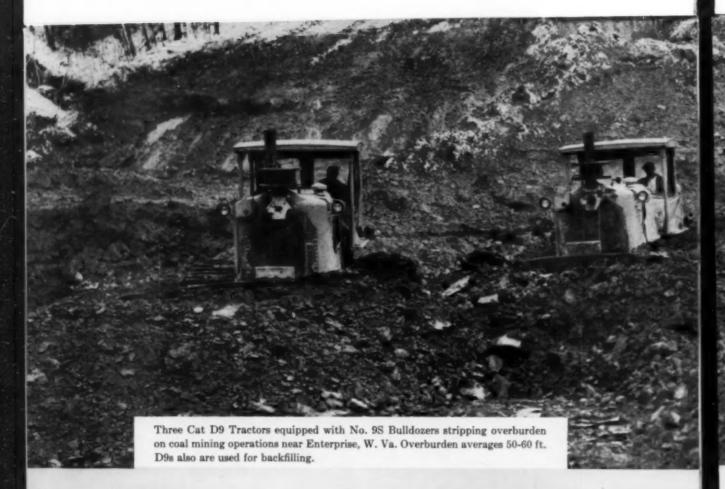


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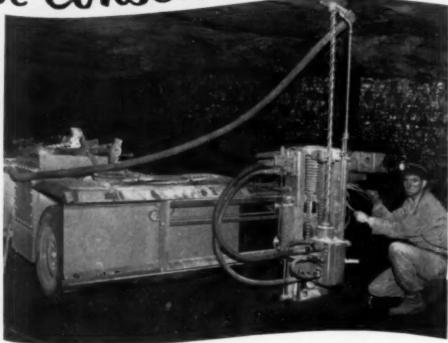
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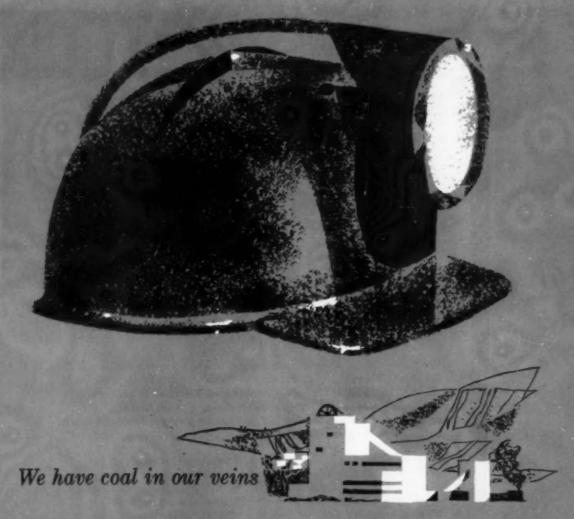
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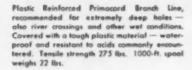
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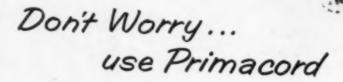
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For Growth and Profits

"Customer orientation" is one of the latest ways of defining the key approach in sales—the approach that is not aimed at "making a sale" but rather at getting the customer to "make a purchase." The difference is real and can be measured in volume of goods moved and income received in any business. It results from the seller developing the ability to think in terms of the customer's needs and desires, and to act accordingly.

The results of good customer-orientation is a conviction that he gets more satisfaction from that product than from any other, with the further result that he gives the product preference whenever he makes a purchase. On this basis, coal can definitely claim an advance in customer orientation, though it also is quick to note that it still has quite a way to go, even though the competitive hurdles are not as great as a few years ago. But good progress has been made.

Building preference for a product is a combination of many individual ingredients. Cost is one. Quality is another. In both these respects coal's progress has been definite and significant. Thus, as a result of heavy expenditures for equipment, the average value of bituminous coal is today no more than it was ten years ago. This, combined with investments aimed at higher quality, has been a major factor in the improved consumer acceptance now being enjoyed by coal in many markets—the major ones in particular.

Modern production methods—always a primary concern of coal-mining management—thus appear more clearly in their true role, which is assuring the consumer the benefits of maximum quality at minimum cost. The faster and wider these benefits can be expanded in the future, the more the industry will benefit in increased sales and higher net profits. This is the big reason for the emphasis on modernization of mining facilities—long a basic element in the Coal Age editorial program and the theme of the October issue, which will be completely devoted to modernization methods, equipment and benefits, and how they have helped specific mining operations attain cost and quality goals.

Coupled with modernization on the selling side, involving market research, advertising, engineering service, and the availability of efficient, economical burning equipment, modernization of mine, preparation and safety facilities means an enhancement of coal's stature in the eyes of the consumer, a growing preference for the product and more and more profitable business in the days of growing demand that stretch ahead. Modernization is a challenge—but a challenge that, properly met, will really pay off. Conclusion: "Modernize now . . . for growth and profits."



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Nuclear Power Costs

A specialist in fuel and energy economics gives a depth report on power costs and the nuclear fuel cycle. Among his findings:

- Present estimates for overall nuclear power costs are a little more than guesses. Initial prototype plants, however, are already providing some cost-reduction data.
- Few believe that the U. S. will need nuclear power in the next 10 to 20 yr; most agree it will be welcomed before the end of the century.
- Commercial nuclear plants will find their first uses in regions of highest fuel cost; for example, in Europe and other overseas areas.
- Since fuel makes up only about 15% of the delivered cost of electric power, consumers served by nuclear plants are not likely to gain lower monthly bills.
- Nuclear power by fusion is generally agreed to be far in the future.

Coal Age Atomic Series

WHEN AND HOW FAR will atomic power enter the commercial picture? How will it affect coal? Two previous, staff-written articles have attempted to answer these questions realistically:

"Can the Atom Compete in Making Tomorrow's Power (January, 1956, p 54)?" predicted that rapid growth in coal use for electric power was a near-sure bet for coal until 1975, but cautioned against the pitfalls of complacency and against underestimating the long-range possibilities of nuclear power.

"Planning for Competitive Nuclear Power (June, 1957, p 54)" focused attention on the prospect of competitive nuclear power after 1970 in the upper cost range of 8 to 10 mills per kwhr. Also stressed: participation in overseas atomic development could accelerate the Nation's domestic program.

In this third article of the Coal Age Atomic Series, Dr. Nelson breaks down and analyzes the components of nuclear power costs—the most critical factor in determining the "when" and "how far" of unsubsidized, competitive nuclear power.

—The editors.

By Dr. Harlan W. Nelson Consultant, Department of Economics Battelle Memorial Institute

TO ALL INTERESTED in analyzing the competitive challenge of nuclear power, the graph on the page facing this one underscores the first inescapable fact: the cost of conventional electric energy is unique among commodities and services in resisting the trend of rising costs. This fact reflects an ample supply of fuels, a growing economy that has permitted the use of increasing numbers of large, efficient power stations; ample capital to generate and take advantage of technical improvements; and a growing population.

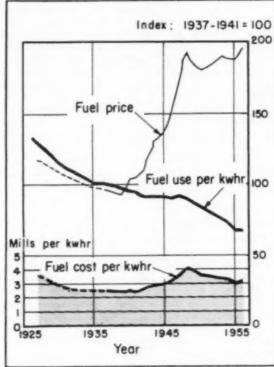
Along with the graph's story of a unique cost record, analysts should also take into account the following commonly-accepted future trends of the electric power industry:

1. From the turn of the century to the present time, the production of electric energy has roughly doubled every 10 yr. Growth of this order is expected to continue for the next two decades, although the numbers involved are becoming so large that past rates of growth cannot be expected to continue indefinitely.

Hydroelectric facilities have growth possibilities but most of the future capacity additions will be represented by steam stations.

3. Ample supplies of coal are available to provide fuel

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for electric power growth expected in the foreseeable future, even if lower proportions of oil and natural gas are used. Coal prices are expected to increase more slowly in the future than are those of oil and gas.

Notable also are these facts: the cost of electric energy at the station bus bar currently averages about 7 mills per kwhr; of this total, production costs average about 3.3 mills, of which 60 to 80% represents the direct cost of the fuel. However, by the time the electric energy reaches the consumer, fuel costs represent only about 15% of the total delivered price.

In view of the facts and trends cited above, what then is the place of nuclear power in the United States in the future? An assured answer to this question is difficult, but it revolves around considerations of timing, international obligations, geography and logistics, and technical development.

The factor of time has lead to some confusion and misunderstanding. The misunderstanding has resulted from the distinction that must be made between power requirements of the immediate future, say the next 10 to 20 yr, and the longer-range future. There are few who believe that this country will need nuclear power in the immediate future, but most are agreed that we will need and welcome nuclear power before the end of this century. The factors of geography and logistics will play an important part in the applications of nuclear power. Commercial nuclear power plants will find their

CHALLENGE TO THE ATOM: Increased efficiency in conventional fuel use has minimized fuel cost per kwhr in last 30 yr. Low-cost coal will strengthen future cost position.

first uses in regions of highest fuel cost. Since in terms of average cost of electric power to the consumer fuel represents only about 15%, it is unlikely that nuclear plants will result in lower monthly bills.

Few countries are in the fortunate position of the United States in regard to fuel reserves. In Europe and elsewhere, nuclear-derived power will be needed much earlier than here to enable the production of enough power to satisfy the rising demand. Also, fuel costs in these countries are higher; the stage where nuclear power becomes economic will be reached sooner. Great Britain expects to reach the break-even point on power costs from nuclear plants as compared to coal by 1962. Thereafter costs are expected to fall below those for conventional plants.

Most scientists, statesmen and representatives of industry believe that the United States is under an obligation to maintain a substantial rate of effort in the research and development of nuclear power even though economic applications in this country are not as urgent as in foreign countries. The principal point of difference in opinion is how to carry out a technical program that will prove to be of greatest over-all benefit to this country as well as our friends in the free world. Certainly if we do not contribute substantially to such progress, we will lose something in international good will as well as an opportunity for our industries to share in the world market for nuclear plants, equipment and materials.

Total Nuclear Costs: Fuel And Other Items Related

The cost of nuclear power is a function of capital charges, fuel costs, and operating expenses. In the present discussion we are interested primarily in the economics of the fuel cycle, with, however, full appreciation that the basic features of design, safety features, and material properties are factors greatly influencing the cycle. The nuclear properties of the materials involved in the system together with their chemical and physical properties furnish the basis for the design of a system. The geometry and structural reality of the reactor system then becomes an engineering problem of evolution and development, with the economics of the system becoming apparent with progress and experience.

A summary of carefully estimated power costs for the pressurized water (PWR) and Calder Hall type reactors is presented in the table on the following page. These are the most practical reactors developed thus far. The figures are from a study by the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp., which considers the economics on the basis of second generation reactor systems. The relationship between fuel costs for the two types and capital charges for this country and Britain

are evident.

U.S. vs Britain: Power Costs from Calder Hall and PWR Reactor Types, 90,000 Kw

Mills per Kilowatt Hour

	Calde	er Hall	PWR				
	In Britain	In U.S.	In Britain	In U.S.			
Fuel costs Fuel rentalFuel fabrication and re-	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2			
U-235 burnup cost Plutonium credit	1.6 1.4 (-1.4)	$\begin{array}{c} 1.6 \\ 1.4 \\ (-1.4) \end{array}$	7.5 2.0 (-0.5)	7.5 2.0 (-0.5)			
Net	2.1 4.9 1.0	2.0 14.4 1.5	9.2 3.2 0.7	9.2 9.4 1.0			
Total	8.0	17.9	13.1	19.6			

For either nuclear power plant, capital costs are of obvious importance. The matter of location of the plant exerts a strong influence on over-all costs, as shown by a comparison of the capital charges for building the same type of reactor plant in the two countries. Fuel costs in this comparison are greatly affected by the choice of reactor.

Fuel Cycle: Conventional vs Nuclear

The fuel cycle for the conventional steam power plant is concerned with all phases of the steam-raising process involving the fuel and its waste products. It begins with the production of the fuel at the mine or well, then its preparation (or refining), transportation, storage, preparation for feeding to the furnace, and, finally, its combustion in the furnace and disposal of waste products. Although simply stated, much hard work and ingenuity have been and are being spent in improving the equipment and procedures involved in each of the steps of the full cycle. The end result, as shown in the graph on p 71 has been remarkably successful.

Before going on to consider the fuel cycle for a nuclear power plant, it will be of interest to consider some basic differences between the release of energy in a conventional combustion system and in one involving nuclear fission. When coal is burned, the atoms of carbon react with the oxygen in the air to form a new compound, carbon dioxide. This reaction is accompanied by the release of heat energy. The atoms involved are not basically changed; the carbon atom in the carbon dioxide of the flue gas is the same atom that was originally present in the coal. The energy released is chemical energy, involving only the electron system of the atom.

In a typical process of nuclear fission, an atom of uranium-235 is struck by a neutron with the result that the atom is split into two fragments and several free neutrons. The uranium has been changed into entirely different atoms. However, the total mass of the new fragments and neutrons produced is slightly less than the mass of the original uranium atom. The difference in mass corresponds to a release of energy, which appears first as kinetic energy of the fragments and finally as heat energy as the products collide with atoms in surrounding material and are slowed down.

If other atoms of uranium-235 surround the first atom undergoing fission, some of the new neutrons produced can produce other fission reactions, and a self-sustaining reaction becomes possible. If of critical size and uncontrolled, the fission chain reaction can build up extremely rapidly with the explosive force of an atomic bomb. If controlled, the rate of fissioning can be regulated to release useful heat energy as in a power reactor.

This outline of the basic differences in the reactions involved in the two fuel cycles leads to a further difference that is of extreme significance in the development of nuclear power reactors. The difference is related to the radioactive properties of the products involved in the fission process. Because of the biological effects of the radiation, expensive and elaborate means of shield protection are required for operating personnel at the reactor site and during all stages of handling the spent fuel, reprocessing and waste disposal. This results in higher costs for containment, shielding, protection, insurance, and disposal that are reflected in both capital and operating costs.

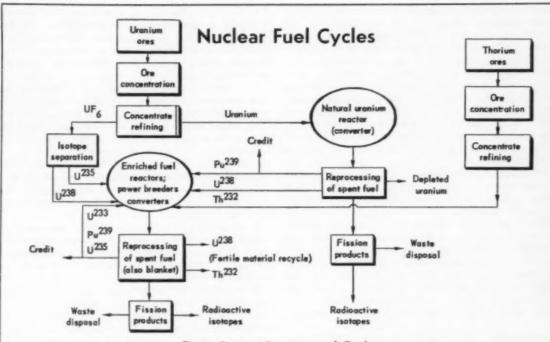
Nuclear Fuel Cycles

Economics a Ruling Factor - From consideration of the variable factors involved in possible combinations of fertile and fissionable materials, moderators, coolants, levels of neutron energy and geometry for nuclear reactor systems, a wide choice of reactor types may appear to be possible. Actually, of the possible permutations, many can be removed from consideration on the basis of nuclear physics, and still others on practical engineering bases or materials incompatibility. There remain a number of designs of reasonable technical feasibility. Research and development work in progress and scheduled for the immediate future is designed to pin down the efficiency and practicality of those systems. After a certain stage in this work, economics becomes a ruling consideration, since energy produced by nuclear means for civilian purposes must compete successfully with that derived from conventional sources.

Elements in the Cycle — The accompanying diagram shows the principal elements of the fuel cycle for typical power reactors. The flow of materials, reprocessing steps and possible recycling steps are indicated. On an overall basis, the successive steps considered in the cycle include:

- 1. Mining, concentration, and refining of uranium (U) and thorium (Th) ores.
- Preparation of uranium and thorium of required properties.
- Isotopic separation of U-235 and U-238 for systems using enriched fuels.
- For heterogeneous reactors, the production of suitable structural and cladding materials for fuel elements.
- 5. Preparation, fabrication, and assembly of reactor fuels.
- 6. Burning the fuel in a reactor.
- Reprocessing of spent fuels for removal of fission products and recovery of the fissionable materials U-235, U-233, and Pu (plutonium)-239, and the fertile materials U-238 and Th-232.
- Processing of the radioactive waste materials; recovery of radioactive isotopes.
 - 9. Waste disposal.

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pendianem nouse: Canadian, 0.1 to 196; Se. Alfician, 0.03%. Canadian, 0.1 to 196; Se. Alfician, 0.03%. Concentrated by chemical leaching and precipitation to yellow cake (70% U.5d.). REFINING OF CONCENTRATE—Yellow cake is further refined by putting it back into solution with acid, and extracting the cranium by liquid-ion-exchanger treatents (solvent extraction). The refined product is green salt (pure UF). Green salt can be reduced to metal for natural uranium reactors or can be further treated to produce enriched uranium. For natural-uranium reactors, the UF, is reduced in a bombs-process with magnesium metal. ISOTOPE SEPARATION — For enriched uranium, a more complicated process is involved, requiring gaseous diffusion plants such as the three U, S. plants at Oak Rédur, Tenn.: Paducah, Ky.; and Portsmouth, Ohio, which as the three U, S. plants at Oak Rédur, Tenn.: Paducah, Ky.; and Portsmouth, Ohio, which together out about \$1 billion. (European nuclear attention is focused on natural reactors and breeders to avoid the high capital costs of diffusion plants, or to avoid dependence on U. S. for a source of enriched U-235.) The UF, is converted to UF, in peased through a series of cascade-type tanks

which the heavier, tertile U-238 isotope parates, to a great extent, from the lighter, somable U-235.

ENVIOURDED U.215.

ENRICHED FUEL REACTORS — Concentrated U.215 in the form of UFe is reduced to metal, or the oxide, or a sait and fabricated into the various press of fuel elements (60 to 90% U.215 with U.218) for enriched reactors.

FOWER BREEDER REACTORS—Tailtings from the causade are pure U.218 in the form of UFe which is reduced to metal and fabricated into blanket elements for use in power breeder reactors. In breeders, the fertile U.238 is bombarded with neutrons and converted to Fu (plusonium)-239.

REPROCESSING—Reproposition

(plutonium)-239, REPROCESSING—Reproceming REPROCESSING—Reprocessing or spentiles is almost a repetition of the processes identified above in that the fuel elements are broken down after a cooling-off period, dissolved in acids and reprecipitated as separate products—flueionable U-235 and Ps-239 for reuse; radioactive waste products and radioactive. solved in acids and reprecipitation in Septime Products — Rischonable U-235 and Pu-239 for recise; radioactive waste products and radioactive isotopes for medical, control and measurement uses. The refined U-235, U-235, and Pu-239 are sent back through the various fabrications steps and become fuel elements again. REPROCESSING BLANKET MATERIAL FROM BREEDER REACTORS—Where breeder reactors are used, the fuel is processed at above, and the blanket (a layer of fertile U-238 or Th-232 wrapped around the power-

producing core of enriched U-235) is treated to recover unreacted, fertile U-238; finsionable Pu-239-produced in the bombardment of U-238; and waste material. Fertile U-238 is re-fabricated lots blanket elements, while the finsionable Pu-239 is used to enrich fuel elements point into the core of the breeder. NATURAL URANIUM REACTORS—The third type of reactor shown in the diagram is the natural (aliabily enriched) reactor which uses natural uranium metal. Here the spent foel is reprocessed to recover U-238 which can be used to make breeder blankets; Pu-239, a finsionable material, which can be used in enriched reactors or breeder cores; and radio-active inotopes and waste materials. THORIUM PRODUCTION AND USE—Thorium ores are concentrated and refined much like uranium up to the UF₄-to-metal stage. Thorium (Th-232) is a fertile material which, under usertom bombardment, becomes a finsionable material (U-233). Thorium is used as a blanket material in the form of fabricated elements in the breeder reactor. Reprocessing of spent fuels and blanket materials containing thorium is much the same as other reprocessing above—Th-232 is recovered for reuse is the blanket; U-233 (produced by meutron bombardment of Th-232) is used as an enriched fuel; wastes and possibly valuable motopes are also separated—The editors.

ity of any nuclear reactor system must first be demonstrated. In addition, it is highly desirable at an early stage to make estimates of the economics of the system. These early approximations will serve to indicate the areas in which the system is deficient, the important interrelated factors, and the component areas subject to technical and economic improvement. In the final analysis, of course, the economics of a system can be put on a firm basis only when progress has been made to the point at which operating data on commercialsized plants are available, including all items of the fuel cycle. We have not yet reached this stage of development and reliably firm cost figures are yet to be

Cost Components - The principal items commonly figured in nuclear fuel cycle costs include:

- 1. Fuel charges
- 2. Fuel processing
- 3. Inventory charges
- 4. Fabrication costs
- 5. Reprocessing costs
- 6. Credits for plutonium and depleted uranium
- 7. Waste disposal

When cost estimates are presented, the above items are sometimes shown in combined form. The inventory cost is related to the reactor design and operating schedule, and may be considered as fixed capital charge on the fuel cycle. Other variables affecting fuel cycle costs are involved in the method of operating the reactor. As shown in the accompanying diagram, operations may involve (1) recycling of both uranium and plutonium, (2) recycling one and selling the other, (3) operating

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without recycle and selling the uranium and plutonium, or (4) operating without recycle and discarding the materials discharged from the reactor.

The calculations involved in working out the characteristics of the elements of a fuel cycle are commonly expressed as dollars per unit weight of fuel. The items may be changed to a basis of mills per kwhr by dividing the costs per unit weight for fuel processing, fabrication, etc., by the electrical output in kwhr obtained per unit weight of fuel. The output figure is a function of the exposure level of the fuel (megawatt days per ton) and the plant efficiency percentage in converting heat to electrical power.

The cost of the fuel actually burned in the reactor is based on the schedule of charges set by the Atomic Energy Commission for natural uranium or fuel enriched to the required degree.

The enriched fuel supplied by the AEC is initially in the form of uranium hexafluoride (UFe). The cost of transforming the fluoride to the oxide or metal actually used in the fuel elements is in addition to the official scheduled charges and must be borne by the user whether the processing is done by the AEC or by a commercial facility. This is a small but significant item which may amount to several per cent of the total fuel cycle costs.

Inventory — The Government retains title for enriched uranium, and such fuel is only rented to the reactor operators at an interest rate of 4% per year of the total value assessed by the AEC. Interest charges are in effect until the fuel material has gone through the separation plant and until the depleted uranium to be credited to the user has been converted to UFs. The account of the user is then credited for the depleted material and for plutonium and is charged for the fuel burnup and losses that have occurred.

Direct purchase of enriched material may not be possible anywhere for sometime in the future. However, when and if fissionable materials can be purchased outright on the open market, the purchaser will have to pay interest charges on the capital required to purchase the fuel. In case of purchase, the usual interest charges on borrowed capital will prevail, and charges now being assessed by the Government as rental will be raised by a factor of two or three. When this occurs, there will be greater incentive than ever to prove out on a practical basis those reactor designs which show low-core inventories and low-retention times for fabrication and reprocessing. In comparing the over-all economics of different reactor systems, the bases of charges for inventory must be similar.

Inventory charges are derived by dividing the capital invested in the inventory times the annual charges in per cent by the product of the full-capacity output, the plant load factor, and the number of hours operated per year. For non-amortized property, such as for capital tied up in fuel inventory, the annual charges would be of the order of 12%. Included would be capital charges of about 9-10%, taxes of 2%, and insurance charges of 0.2%, or a total of about 12%.

Fuel Fabrication — For heterogeneous power reactors fuel fabrication is an important cost item in the fuel cycle. Although costs remain high, considerable progress has been made in areas involving design, preparation of materials, and fabricating procedures. The response by industry to invitations to participate in this field has been prompt. Three years ago there were only a few private organizations active in this field. More than a dozen firms are now engaged in this work and have the required facilities.

The chief factors affecting the costs of fuel element fabrication were outlined by T. T. Magel and B. S. Olds at the 1956 Conference of the Atomic Industrial Forum. Their outline serves well to indicate the principal items contributing to the over-all costs of this portion of the fuel cycle. The items are as follows:

1. Research, development, and prototype costs. Improved elements must be designed and tested, even while accepted fuel elements are in a limited production phase. Such research costs must be paid out in the production phase.

2. Accountability and handling. These costs represent several percentage points of the total costs of fuel elements. They may be decreased with improved planning, but may be increased if plutonium and U-233 must also be accounted for.

3. Preparation of the fuel alloy. Factors of criticality and reactivity involve high costs in this stage of fuel element manufacture. Analyses and tests occasioned by stringent chemical, corrosion, and metallurgical specifications are numerous and expensive. Experience in material preparation and improved specification materials will result in lowered costs.

4. Fabrication. There are two principal aspects of this stage of production. For essentially "cold" natural uranium or U-235 in metal or alloyed form, costs for a given design will drop as production volumes are increased. If recycled fuel containing plutonium, U-233, or fission products is to be used, special safe-handling or remote fabrication will be required, and another and largely unknown cost will be involved. The net cost to the complete reactor process will be based on a balance of the cost advantage of recycling fuel against the disadvantage in costs of remote handling and fabrication. Also of importance is the design of the fuel element, which involves the cost of materials involved and the degree of precision required in machining and other mechanical operations.

5. Cladding. This operation is usually necessary to prevent corrosion and to contain fission products. Low neutron-absorption materials are required, and many of these are in the category of the less familiar metals. However, the cost of zirconium and similar metals may be expected to decrease as production schedules are increased. Recovery from spent elements is not yet practicable; hence, the full cost is on the debit side. Optimizing the procedure for applying the cladding will also lower costs.

6. Proving cladding integrity. Any failures of the cladding within the reactor will be costly, so integrity must be demonstrated beforehand beyond reasonable doubt. The development of foolproof claddings will minimize costs of improving integrity, but design changes and requirements of improved performance and higher operating temperatures will continue to present problems. Proving integrity of elements from recycled "hot" materials will require the development of new methods.

7. Assembly. Costs of assembly for "cold" elements

will continue to decrease as production volumes are attained and optimum joining procedures are applied. If remote assembly is required, costs will be higher.

8. Yield. For expensive fissionable materials, it is essential to have high yields. Improvements will be achieved in this area as developments in the procedures discussed above are achieved.

9. Size of production lots. Because of criticality factors, small production lots will continue to limit gains to be achieved by increasing the volume production. However, as facilities are scheduled for repetitive runs, costs will decrease.

10. Interest on fuel inventory. With improved and faster production schedules and higher yields, inventory costs will approach a minimum.

It is difficult to attempt to assign a cost valuation to the fuel fabrication portion of the fuel cycle. Some costs have been published, but details regarding bases for calculation are usually not given, and often the fabrication costs and reprocessing costs are lumped together. Most of the figures published are estimates, and, more often than not, are based on the more optimistic figures to be achieved with an assumed fixed element design and production volume. This tendency is reasonable, of course, since costs for any new development, process or machine, cannot be fairly expressed by prototype costs but must be predicted on a volume production basis.

In the table p 72, the combined estimated costs of fabrication and processing were shown to be 7.5 mills per kwhr for a PWR-type reactor built in this country, based on second generation technology. This is based on an exposure level of 6,000 megawatt days (mwd) per ton of U. If this level were to be increased to 10,000 mwd per ton, the combined fabrication processing costs would be reduced to 5.6 mills per kwhr. This represents the effect of longer periods of power output between processing periods.

A factor of importance in costs of fuel elements of the PWR-type is the zirconium employed as cladding and structural material for both seed and blanket assemblies. Lower costs in this area will be possible when the costs of either zirconium sponge or of fabricated products, or of both, are reduced. The recent contracts for sponge at a price of about \$6 per lb probably set the price level for several years. Increased industrial demand will serve to stimulate further price reductions, but improved processes of production, handling, and quality control will also be necessary. Improvements will be made in the vield of zirconium products from sponge, and improved fabrication techniques more nearly in line with other structural materials will be a factor in reducing over-all fuel-element fabrication costs. Authors of the American Standard Study estimate that with a substantial improvement in zirconium fabrication costs and expected reduction in zirconium raw materials costs, materials costs could be reduced to about 1.8 mills per kwhr at an exposure level of 10,000 mwd per ton. Modifications in fuel element design could reduce manufacturing costs of fuel elements to a level of about 0.7 mills per kwhr. The authors of the study conclude that a total materials and fabrication cost of about 2.5 mills per kwhr is the minimum cost for the foreseeable future based on current design for a PWR-type fuel element. Reprocessing — Under the present status of development, the operation of a reactor must be interrupted after only a small number of the desired nuclear reactions have occurred. Consequently, to achieve full utilization of the fissionable or fertile materials, several cycles of the power-producing operations must be alternated with intervening steps of processing, recovery, purification and waste elimination before a reasonably complete utilization of the fuel materials can be obtained. Such reprocessing is necessary for several reasons: (1) to rework the fuel elements in which structural and heat transfer properties have deteriorated during burnup, (2) to add makeup fissionable material, (3) to remove poisons and waste products, and (4) to recover fissionable fuel bred in the reactor.

The complexity of the process and resulting costs are related to the type of fuel, the alloying materials, the kind of cladding, and the geometry of the reactor. The process selected must furnish high yields, since the materials involved are expensive. The over-all reprocessing operation must be accomplished as rapidly as possible so as to keep to a minimum the retention time and thus the inventory charges associated with the use of high-value materials. Losses must be kept low, particularly if a number of cycles are required to obtain an economic degree of fuel utilization.

The combined factors relating to fuel reprocessing result in a costly cycle. Operation of a plant for processing radioactive materials is expensive. Some time ago, the AEC estimated the difference in costs between a plant processing a radioactive material and one which performed the same service but with ordinary materials. These estimates concluded that construction costs for the radioactive plant would be 12 times that of the comparable nonreactive plant, and that operating costs would be almost three times as much.

At present, the solvent extraction method of reprocessing is being used. Other possible methods under investigation include chemical separation by precipitation, ion exchange, distillation based on volatility, and pyrometallurgical processes.

The costs of reprocessing are closely related to the daily or yearly volume of the fuel materials involved. Although high costs of containing and transporting radioactive waste materials would appear to favor processing at or near the reactor site, it is possible that economic processing can be achieved only on a larger scale. The reprocessing plant would thus perform a service function for a number of reactors in a given area.

Reprocessing of spent fuel has not yet been accepted as a business venture by private industry, although some work is being done on the development of a packaged reprocessing plant for an individual reactor site. Until the volume of reprocessing activity reaches a level sufficient to attract participation by industry, the AEC has announced its willingness to perform this service. Last year, the AEC announced a charge of \$15,300 per day for use of its reprocessing facilities. Basis for the charge is an assumed plant with a capital investment of \$20,570,000, having a capacity of 1 tpd of natural or slightly enriched uranium. The charges assume a yearly capacity of 300 tons and include waste disposal but not transportation.

Credits for Plutonium and Depleted Uranium-For en-

riched systems of low or moderate burnup, the unburned U-235 is credited after the spent fuel is reprocessed. For natural uranium systems, the credit may or may not be applied. Plutonium or bred U-233 would also be credited to the fuel cycle charges. As a final objective, the breeder reactor would furnish the ultimate in credit, with the net cost of fuel consumed approaching zero.

The unit value of plutonium bred in a reactor is currently established by the government. The value of \$12 per gram has recently been raised to \$30 per gram for a specified schedule of years. Ultimately, the price of plutonium will be based on its value as a fuel, which probably will be lower than the presently assigned value.

Waste Disposal—The disposal of fission wastes is a factor of great physiological and sociological significance in connection with a nuclear power program. It is also a significant factor in the economics of the fuel cycle.

H. R. Zeitlin and his coworkers have recently discussed the economics of waste disposal. They believe that waste disposal costs should be held to a figure of about 1% of the over-all costs of electricity from a power reactor. If this would be a reactor producing power at the bus bar at a cost of 8 mills per kwhr, waste disposal costs should be less than 0.1 mill. They consider costs of storage, cooling, shielding for shipment, and transportation, and show some of the relationships of these costs with the degree of activity of the wastes. In studies in Canada, the cost of waste disposal was found to be equivalent to 0.12 mills per kwhr for a plant capacity of 200 mw and 0.06 mills per kwhr for a total capacity of 1,000 mw. Factors affecting the cost of waste disposal include the type of fuel element and cladding, method of processing, and the degree of enrichment and burnup.

The costs of waste disposal are included under the schedule of prices for reprocessing by the AEC.

Nuclear Power: Overall-Costs

As an example of calculated costs of power producing reactors, the comparative data in the table following are presented. These cost figures were prepared in connection with the report of the "Euratom" study committee. The comparisons cited are used because they concern reactors which to date have reached the highest state of development. Comparable economic bases were used for all three reactors. Many other cost calculations are available for other types of reactors, but since the purpose of this discussion is general, no attempt will be made to cover the field of reactor design factors. Actual values for interest charges and construction costs—considered average for the countries involved, and are not typical for this country.

Note that the net fuel costs vary by a factor of almost 100% for the boiling water reactor and the Calder Hall unit. Note also that the over-all energy costs for the three reactor systems do not vary by more than 8%—much less than the 25% contingency factor. As is often the case, the plant with low fuel costs is counterbalanced by higher capital charges. One of the problems is to prove out a reactor design that not only is economical on fuel costs, such as a breeder might be, but also shows conservative capital costs for equipment, buildings, and inventory.

Euratom Power Cost Estimates

Mills per Kilowatt Hour

Fuel costs:	PWR	BWR	Calder Hall Type			
Uranium in fresh fuel		2.1	2.0			
Fuel fabrication		1.7	0.4			
Chemical reprocessing		0.3	0.3			
Plutonium credit Uranium credit	-0.9 -3.7	-0.8 (-0.3)	-1.0 (-0.3)			
Cramum credit	-3.1	(-0.3)	(-0.3)			
Net fuel cost	2.7 (24%)	3.3 (31%)	1.7 (16%)			
Other operating costs	1.0 (9%)	1.0 (10%)	1.0 (9%)			
Fuel inventory charges	1.3 (11%)	1.0 (10%) 0.8 (8%)	1.0 (9%)			
Capital charges	6.3 (56%)	5.4 (51%)	7.4 (68%)			
Total cost of electricity Total plus 25% con-	11.3	10.5	10.8			
tingency	14.1	13.1	13.6			
Cost range	11.3-14.1	10.5-13.1	10.8-13.6			

The many published accounts of nuclear power costs have shown such wide variations that confusion has resulted. The varied assumptions made regarding capitalization, load factors, and fuel cycle charges, and the lack of knowledge of many costs and charges that can come only from experience with working plants are responsible for much of the confusion. In a paper presented this year before the Atomic Energy Management Conference, L. H. Roddis Jr., then deputy director of the AEC Division of Reactor Development, showed how widely divergent cost estimates can be even for a specific type of reactor. The optimist, Roddis showed, may present evidence that total power costs are only 2 mills per kwhr, the pessimist, 31.6 mills per kwhr. Although somewhat exaggerated, the aggregate differences resulted from the additive results of a series of assumptions regarding capital charges, plant factor, site and construction charges, and many of the fuel cycle costs. The conclusion of Roddis in which he was joined by others, was that cost estimates made at the present time are little more than guesses, since our experience to date has been far too limited.

In spite of the confusing aspects of reported nuclear power costs, real progress is being made. Plants in operation such as the PWR at Shippingport, the experimental boiling water reactor at Argonne, and the boiling water reactor at Vallecitos, California, will furnish practical information that will result in technical and economic progress. For example, the Argonne experimental boiling water reactor was designed for an output of 20,-000 thermal kw. Subsequent operating experience showed that the power output could be boosted to 62,000 thermal kw without any changes in reactor design. This resulted in decreasing the capital and operating charges to about one-third of the initial value and total power costs at the bus bar of the experimental plant from 52 mills per kwhr to 32 mills per kwhr, a spectacular decrease. Direct fuel costs, of course, were unaffected. But there is a good chance for a decrease to be achieved if a larger plant (240 thermal kw) were built with higher burnup of fuel obtained by a small increase in fuel enrichment and by lower fuel-fabrication costs brought about by the fourfold increase in volume.

Somewhat similar results have been obtained with General Electric's Vallecitos reactor, a prototype system for the full-scale Dresden plant now under construction. Its operators believe it is possible to increase the power output from 30,000 thermal kw to 100,000 thermal kw with only minor modifications.

In summary, to reach an economic level for producing nuclear power, the following seven factors must be optimized:

 Cost of fuel. Achieved by improved mining, refining, and processing procedures.

Burnup in the reactor. If the burnup is increased, processing and fabricating costs can be decreased in nearly direct proportion.

Breeding rate. Better utilization will decrease fuel costs.

Improved fuel composition and better fabrication methods.

5. Improved processing techniques.

Improved and more economical means of waste disposal.

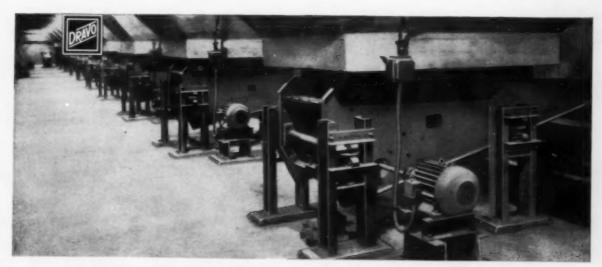
Better utilization of possible credits from useful fission products.

Perhaps more than anything else, the economics of the fuel cycle is concerned with optimizing the selection and application of materials. Nuclear characteristics of materials are fixed properties. With these factors as a starting point, selection must be made on such bases as corrosion resistance, radiation damage, temperature behavior, availability and cost. What appears good to the designer might be gall to the economist and the processor. Compromises will be the rule until the optimum possibilities are proven in practice.

Nuclear Power by Fusion

The possibilities of obtaining power by the fusion process are receiving increasing attention. In this process, energy is released when two hydrogen atoms are caused to combine and form a third and heavier atom. This is the process responsible for the energy produced by the sun and what happens during the explosion of an H-bomb. One problem is to produce and contain the extremely high temperatures required to produce the fusion reaction. Millions of degrees of heat are necessary. This heat is available in the sun, and a small atom bomb furnishes the heat to trigger the fusion reaction in the H-bomb. The big problem in developing a fusion power generator is to produce, maintain, and control this heat and it is, indeed, a formidable one.

The incentive here is that the heavy hydrogen used in the fusion reaction is potentially available in large quantities in the waters of the seas and oceans—enough to satisfy the power needs of the world for centuries. The story of fusion, its problems, possibilities, ultimate rewards, and, again, international political implications, is an interesting one. However, the problems appear to be so enormous, even if they are ultimately solved, that practical realization is generally agreed to be far in the future.



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INDICATOR CUPPED UPWARD indicates less than 8,000-lb tension on bolts.



INDICATOR FLATTENED shows desired tension of 8,000 lb at installation.



INDICATOR CUPPED DOWNWARD shows tension greater than 8,000 lb.

How Visual Tension Indicators Improve Roof Support With Bolts

Here is a first hand report on the increased effectiveness of roof bolting when visual tension indicators are used to indicate initial installation tension and show the effects of loosening or loading up after installation.

By R. A. Gardner, Chief Industrial Engineer, New River & Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Co., Capels, W. Va.

VISUAL TENSION INDICATORS have resulted in a major improvement in roof support with bolts at the No. 11 mine of the New River & Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Co., Capels, W. Va. The indicators elim-

inate guess work in installing roof bolts by showing bolt installation tension and by permitting a visual check on whether bolts have loosened or loaded-up after installation.

These general conclusions were confirmed by a formal test program conducted under the direction of J. L. Gilley, USBM, in cooperation with A. V. Gibson, general superintendent,

and O. C. Prickett, president, American Mine Supply Co., suppliers of the T-800 indicators. Specifically, the test program showed the following:

 T-800 indicators will satisfactorily indicate proper bolt tension at the time of installation.

The indicators will show loosening or excessive loading after installation.

3. One indicator installed in every other row of bolts—roughly one per eight bolts—is sufficient in most cases. Applying the indicators in this manner would result in an added cost of 5c per bolt which would be much more than returned through improved roof support.

In addition to the final evaluation



ROOF FALLS such as the one shown above occurred regularly in every other breakthrough before indicators were used.



RESULT of using indicators was complete elimination of roof falls in the test area where falls normally would have occurred.

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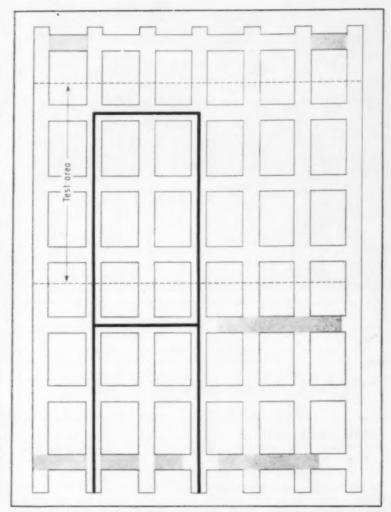
of the indicators, the company modified the roof-bolting machines, with resultant improvement in roof control throughout No. 11 mine as well as other mines owned by the company. The test also was, in part, responsible for improved bolting techniques, better bolting-machine performance and a general reappraisal of bolting plans. These revisions directly contributed to a greatly improved performance in the test section and indirectly to the best monthly production and performance during 1957.

Preliminary Test

Prior to conducting actual indicator tests, pull tests were made on several types of expansion shells installed with an initial torque of 150 and 200 ft-lb. This was necessary to determine the maximum anchoring capacity of the roof in the test area so that the correct tension indicators could be used. Since the torque corresponded to a tension of approximately 8,000 lb, T-800 (8,000 lb) indicators were specified for the test. Before the test, the company had been setting bolts to a tension of 6,000 lb.

Preliminary tests showed that the T-800 indicators, when tightened with a rotary roof-drill, would indicate a load of 8,000 lb plus or minus 900. This was far superior to the torque-tension relationship measured by a torque wrench to the extent: "175 ft-lb on a high-tension bolt will produce 8,050 lb plus or minus 2,750, 90% of the time," USBM R. I. 5228.

Several hundred torque-wrench readings had been taken and recorded at No. 11 mine without yielding any recognizable trends or guides that could be used to improve the bolting effectiveness. This was especially true of the 3-Main West section where large falls occurred every other breakthrough with few exceptions.



ROOF FALLS IN THE TEST AREA were completely eliminated with the aid of visual tension indicators. Area outby the test zone had a total of 33 falls in 25 breakthroughs. After the test, and when indicators were no longer used, falls began to occur with the same frequency as before.

Test Area

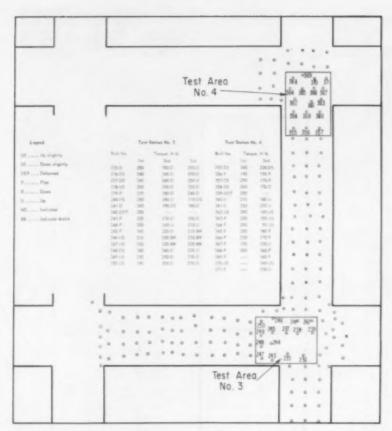
The No. 11 mine is located in the No. 3 Pocahontas seam. The test area averages 60 in in height. The immediate roof section is typical of roof throughout the mine except for a 4- to 8-in thick drawrock, compared to 10 to 18 in on other sections. This drawrock usually falls when coal is shot. It is more friable and crushes slightly when bolted in place.

Visual Tension Indicators

The T-800 visual tension indicator assembly consists of a 3-in square, concave, spring-steel plate %2 in thick with a 1%-in center hole. The plate comes equipped with a cast flanged bushing or centering collar to center the plate and a 6-in square. 4-in thick, specially embossed steel bearing plate. The indicator is designed to flatten at an 8,000-lb tension. When the indicator is cupped upward the tension is less than 8,000 lb; cupped downward tension is greater than 8,000 lb.

Visual Test

Tests were made to determine what accuracy could be expected from the indicator as a visual gage of tension. The test included several methods. The indicator was tightened until observers decided it was



TWO OF THE TEN STATIONS in the test zone provided initial and two other torque readings which revealed how bolts loosened or loaded up after several weeks.

flat and the tension was read from a hydraulic gage. Results include readings taken when observers, totally untrained in this work, called the indicator flat. The best results were obtained when the indicator was flattened by tightening with a rotary roof drill, the normal method employed in the mine. Readings taken during this test are shown in the accompanying chart. The indicators proved to be 98.6% accurate in their ability to flatten at 8,000 lb.

Torque-Tension Relationship

A comparison of the torque-tension relationship of a bolt tightened without an indicator or hard washer and a bolt with an indicator showed that the T-800 required more torque to produce the same amount of tension compared to a bolt without a washer.

Two different-length bolts were used in the test area; heading No. 2, 4-ft bolts; heading No. 3, 4- and 5-ft bolts; and heading No. 4, 5-ft bolts. It was noted during the installation of the indicators that the 5-ft bolts required 200-ft-lb of torque to flatten the indicators while the 4-ft bolts required only 180 ft-lb. In a roof-bolting plan using mixed bolt lengths, the Visual Tension Indicator would be a better gage of tension than would a torque wrench reading, since there is a large percentage of error inherent in their

Final Test

In the test area, 1,035 indicators were installed. Each indicator was checked. Recorded data included location of indicator, shape (up, flat or down) and amount of torque.

Ten test stations were established throughout the area and spaced approximately 80 ft apart. These stations contained 130 indicator assemblies or about 13% of the total. Checks were run at the test stations

Torque-Tension Relationship¹

Test No.	Up T	ension. Flat	lb ————————————————————————————————————	Torque, ft-lb (Indicator flat)		
1	4,900	8,000	10,000	115		
2	6,000	8,000	9,000	115		
3	6,000	8,300	9,200	150		
4	5,400	8,000	9,100	140		
5	5,500	7,100	8,900	115		
6	4,500	7,300	8,900	_		
7	5,700	8,500	10,000	125		

¹ Bolts tightened with rotary roof drill.

weekly to obtain a representative picture, as it was impractical to check each of the 1,035 indicators that often. Data on three of the test stations are shown on the accompanying map.

In addition to the regular inspection of indicators each shift, C. A. Bailey and T. E. Musick, of the standards department assisted in taking hourly hydraulic-oil temperatures and torque readings on the drills. It was observed that the temperature of the oil increased to comparatively high degrees after 4 or 5 hr of operation, while the torque decreased to a point where the machine did not deliver sufficient torque to flatten the indicators. This information was forwarded to the machine manufacturer and resulted in an improved hydraulic motor which reduced the hydraulic pressure from 1,700 to 1,2000 psi. This increased the torque to 300 ft-lb and during the remainder of the experiment, the machine was capable of delivering sufficient torque consistently to flatten the indicators. This change was subsequently made in all drilling units throughout the company.

The outstanding result of the use of Visual Tension Indicators was complete elimination of roof falls in the test area, thus increasing production by eliminating lost time cleaning up and going around roof falls. As an example, the area outby the test zone (see map) had a total of 33 falls in 25 breakthroughs. Very seldom could the section be advanced more than one breakthrough without a roof fall. Additional proof that the indicators improved roof bolting was obtained when, at the conclusion of the test, the company stopped using indicators and found that roof falls began to occur with the same fre-

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VTI Bult head showing crimping prior to loading. Air cylinder for tension testing is placed between roof and holt plate.

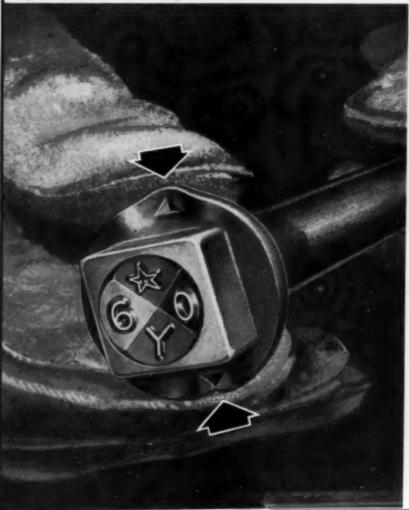


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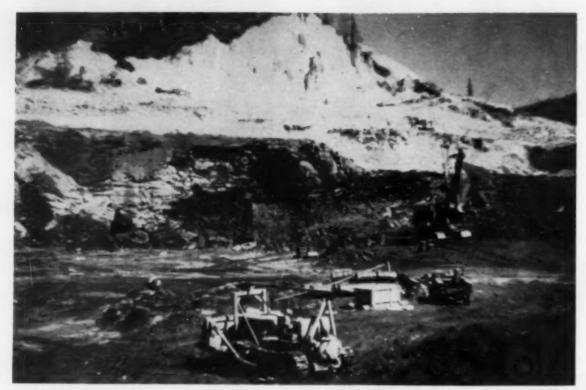
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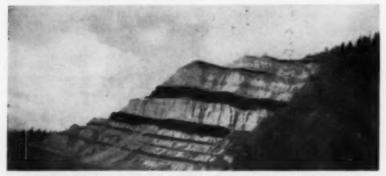
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PIT VIEW, showing coal face in No. 2 pit and part of the equipment, including loading shovel. Overburden was hydraulicked, bulldozed and scraped to uncover the coal for loading with shovel and front-end equipment.

Hydraulicking and Scraping Remove Burden at Arctic Coal

Recovering 40-ft seam pitching 10 to 15 deg, Nenana Operating Co. uses hydraulic giants and scrapers along outcrop, and drills coal with overburden-type machine.



ON LIGNITE CREEK—outcrop of part of the beds on the Arctic Coal Co. lease. Thickness ranges from 5 to 40 ft and the beds dip down 10 to 15 deg from the outcrop.

OVERBURDEN REMOVAL by a combination of hydraulicking and scraping features stripping at the property of the Arctic Coal Co., Inc., on Lignite Creek off the Nenana River, 108 mi south of Fairbanks and 246 mi north of Anchorage, in Alaskanewest of the 49 states of the United States of America.

The Arctic Coal Co. was organized in the spring of 1954 and started operations in that year. Mining operations have since been contracted to the Nenana Operating Co., Inc., a copartnership of Carl M. Pederson and James A. Carroll, with Mr. Carroll functioning as president. Nenana took over the operation in 1956, and since has added, among other equipment, two loading units and a crusher, in addition to a camp and other surface facilities.

Location of the property is at Lignite, on the Alaska R. R., and the coal deposits, leased from the U. S., extend from 4 mi east to 6 mi east of the railroad. The lease covers 2,440 acres on Lignite Creek. Aside from tonnage that could be recovered by underground methods, it is estimated that coal available by hydraulicking and scraping totals 22 million tons. Six beds are involved, with reserves ranging from 500,000 to 7,250,000 tons each.

Production presently comes from the "Basal" or "A" bed, the lowest known bed in the Nenana field. Other seams found above the Basal bed on the property are the "B," "E," "F," "G" and "H" ranging in thickness from 5 to 35 ft. Thickness of the Basal is 40 ft at the present mining location. The product is subbituminous in type, and the output rate with present equipment is approximately 150,000 tons per year. Moisture ranges from 23 to 26%, as-received; ash, on the same basis 3 to 9.5; Btu, 8,281 to 9,300 (11,176 to 12,274, moisture-free).

Utilities and military establishments are the principal customers, taking primarily 4x0 or 2½x0. Processing consists of crushing in a two-stage Gundlach machine and then screening on a Simplicity vibrator into the desired sizes. After preparation, the coal is moved across the Nenana River and its flood plain by a 1,100-ft Riblet reversible aerial tram with a capacity of 60 tph. From the tram it is trucked to the company's 20-car railroad siding.

The seams outcrop in the mountainside, and pitch down some 10 to 15 deg. Thus, removal of the overburden to a height of 100 ft uncovers a cut of coal some 200 to 300 ft wide.

Hydraulicking and Scraping Removes Overburden

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FRONT-END MACHINE adds flexibility to the loading setup at the Arctic Coal Co. operation. Hauling is handled by 15-ton end-dump trucks, discharging at preparation plant.



NENANA MANAGEMENT-Carl M. Pederson (left) with partner James A. Carroll (right) discuss plans with William Jansen, of the supervisory staff.

and, for the longer hauls, Tournapull equipment. Stripping naturally is limited to the summer months, with loading the primary operation in winter.

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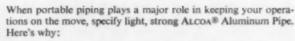
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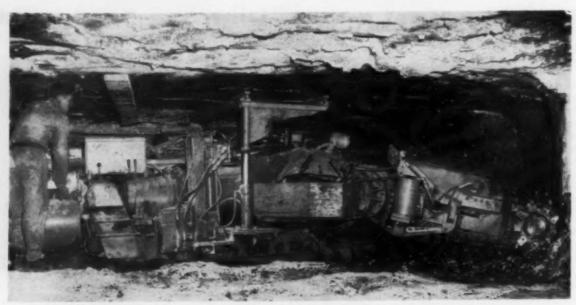
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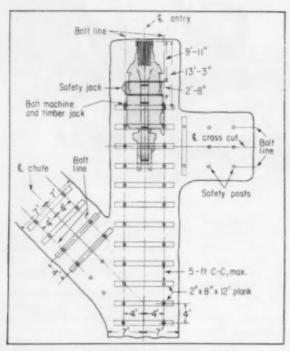
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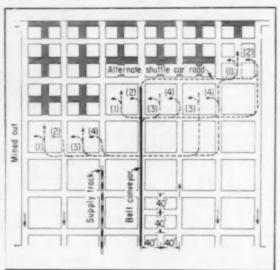
PROTECTION at face includes planks secured by bolts and two steel rails held up by hydraulic jacks on miner.

Safety Features in the Design and Development of Ireland Mine



ROOF BOLTING PLAN requires 2x8-in by 12-ft planks on 4-ft centers in all working places.

By G. W. McCaa General Manager, Hanna Coal Co., Division of Consolidation Coal Co., Moundsville, W. Va.



MINING PLAN for butt entries includes driving seven headings and partially recovering pillars by splitting.

THE IRELAND MINE is a new operation of the Hanna Coal Co., Div. of Consolidation Coal Co., and is located in Marshall County, W. Va., seven miles south of Moundsville, and adjacent to the Ohio River. This mine is being developed to meet the demand for coal in the industrial expansion of the Upper Ohio Valley. The coal from Ireland mine will supply the Kammer power plant of the American Gas & Electric System, which is a large plant being built primarily to supply power for the new Olin-Revere aluminum plant. Plans for the design and development of this mine were started in November 1955. Construction of the surface facilities, shafts and slopes were started in January, 1956; first coal was produced October 15, 1956.

In designing and developing this mine our aim has been to make it the safest and most efficient mine possible. Safety in the design of all equipment and mining plans has been given primary consideration to protect the lives of the employees. It is also self-evident that you cannot have an efficient mine without having a safe operation. The fact that Ireland is a completely new mine with all new equipment, has made it possible to incorporate the safest possible methods and devices.

Roof Control

The most serious safety consideration is the protection of the underground employees from falls of roof and rib in the working face area. The Ireland mine is being developed in the Pittsburgh, No. 8 coal seam, and in this area the seam is approximately 5 ft thick. Immediately above the seam is a strata of draw slate that ranges from 0 to 48 in. The draw slate is very weak and must be supported if mining is to be conducted under it. Above the draw slate is a seam of coal from 1 to 2 ft thick. The next strata is a mixture of shales from 8 to 10 ft thick, which is a very poor structure. Above this strata is a thick bed of limestone which is strong and fairly uniform.

In our original mining plans we decided that we would employ continuous mining machines to the fullest extent possible. We would try to operate them under the draw slate



SATELLITE BOLTERS driven hydraulically from boring-type miner operate independently as unit advances in coal.



PRODUCTION UNITS at Ireland mine include boring- and ripper-type continuous miners. Equipment is powered by AC motors.

safely by the use of roof bolts, or the combination of roof bolts and timber. At the time the coal was reached in the development of the mine, the only continuous miner that was applicable to the height of seam and could be adapted to supporting the roof was the ripper-type continuous miner. The manufacturer had not designed roof bolting equipment to be used on this machine. When the original mining was started, we supported the draw slate with crossbars and posts. We found that the draw slate could be supported with crossbars and posts, but it soon became loose and sagged down on the timbers, presenting a very dangerous condition in case a post or bar was knocked out by any of the mining equipment. The continuous miner was followed up with a conventional rubber-tired roof-bolting machine, which installed %-in 1040-steel bolts

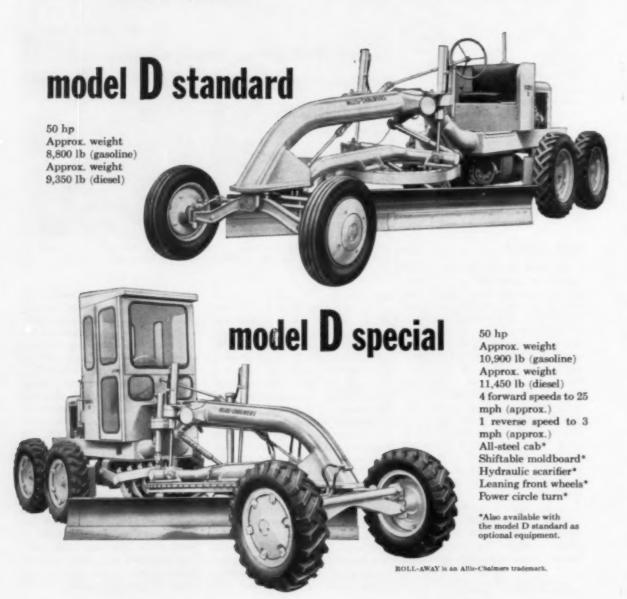
6 ft long. The bolts successfully held the draw slate. The places were approximately 16 ft wide and bolts were placed on 4 ft centers in rows 4 ft apart. When this was done we found that the draw slate did not become loose and the support appeared adequate. The roof bolting, however, was a separate operation and did not protect the operator of the continuous mining machine while he was working at the face. By utilizing the power from one of the cutter motors to drive a hydraulic pump with V belts, it was possible to design hydraulic roof bolting equipment that would fit within the space available on the machine. Two roof bolting units, one on each side of the machine, were installed in place of the hydraulic timber jacks. This permitted roof bolts to be installed ahead of the operator and within 13 ft of the working face. The

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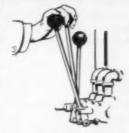
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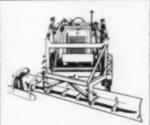


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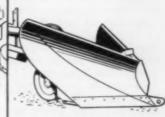
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hydraulic timber jacks were moved to a position approximately 2 ft ahead of the roof bolters, and two 60-ft rails were installed on the jacks as crossbars to protect the roof bolters. This unit was put in operation with two bolts installed 8 ft apart through a 2x8-in by 12-ft hardwood plank. These planks were installed on approximately 36-in centers. This was purely an experimental method of supporting draw slate, and at the start crossbars and posts were installed between the planks. Several crosscut lengths were driven in this manner. It was soon evident that the planks and bolts were supporting the draw slate and the posts and crossbars were not necessary. When the bars and posts were removed, it was found that there was no movement of the draw slate and the bolt and planks were doing an adequate job. Since that time approximately 50,000 lineal feet of entries and crosscuts have been driven using this method, and although we have experienced slate falls at the face ahead of the roof bolting, there have been only five small falls of roof where the area has been bolted. These falls have generally occurred where there was a slip or abnormally thick draw slate. One item of interest is that in all cases there has been warning of the impending fall, and the bolt and planks worked for a considerable time before the fall occurred. Some of these falls can be attributed to improper installation of roof bolts or spacing planks too far apart under heavy draw slate.

We are, at the present time, experimenting with a continuous miner of the boring type, using the same type of roof support, except in this case it is not possible to attach the bolters to the machine as the machine is continuously moving forward. The bolters are satellite units which operate independently but are attached to the machine with a hydraulic jack and rope. The roof bolters install the bolts and planks as the miner continues to advance. When the bolting operation is completed, the bolting units are pulled ahead with the rope and hydraulic jack to the next hole.

Main Haulage Support

The roof of main haulage roads and air courses cannot be supported for the life of the mine in the above manner. Additional height is also required on haulage roads. Since Ireland mine will possibly have a life of from 50 to 100 yrs, it is necessary to plan the best possible method of maintaining the main entries. Our original plan was that we would shoot down all the strata above the coal to the limestone and use the limestone as a permanent roof. The ribs and roof would be protected from weathering with wire mesh and guniting. At the bottom of the supply slope the construction of our main entries was started in this manner. Removing the strata above the coal proved to be a slow and very dangerous job. The scaling of the ribs after the shooting and a subsequent loading of this material, was very hazardous. We experienced one fatality due to the operator not taking down a rib which had become loose in this operation.

Shortly after this method of developing the main line began, we observed that the ribs and even the limestone, started to weather and there was a continuous loosening of ribs and roof. In adjacent places which had been mined with a miner and the draw slate bolted, very little weathering of the draw slate was observed and no falls were encountered. We soon decided that the shooting of the roof had opened up cracks which was conducive to the weathering of the ribs and roof. The only strata between the coal and the limestone that does not readily weather is the 1 to 2 ft of roof coal directly above the draw slate. If this coal strata could be held by roof bolting, safe haulage roads and air courses could be maintained. A continuous miner was taken off of production and placed on the job of ripping down the draw slate which had been left up in primary mining. The roof coal was then bolted, wire meshed, and gunited. To obtain haulage height, the bottom was graded with as little shooting as possible. We now have about 1,500 ft of this construction work completed and an additional 3,000 ft where the draw slate has been ripped out with continuous miner and rebolted.

In comparison with the haulage entries that we had taken to the limestone, it appears that this method of supporting the main entries will be more successful. It is our belief, that the fact that we are not doing any shooting which would tend to crack the roof or ribs, will greatly reduce the number of falls in air courses and along the haulage road. When the preparation plant is in operation we plan, on main haulage roads and air courses, to rip the slate down when the coal is mined. This will eliminate the double operation of mining the coal and brushing the top separately.

Mining Plans

The use of continuous miners and the heavy cover over the coal seam at Ireland mine made it necessary to consider changes in the mining practices as compared with the conventional plans normally used in the Eastern Ohio Section of the Pittsburgh, or No. 8 seam. Pillaring has never been successful in this area, and although pillaring will be tried in this mine, the general plan of mining is projected for partial recovery. Observations of the mining conditions and the methods used in the relatively shallower cover in Eastern Ohio and the W. Va. Panhandle, convinced us that the wide room with the narrow pillar would not work successfully under the 1,000 ft cover that will be encountered at Ireland mine.

The following plan of mining has been projected and will be started in 1958. It is planned to drive working panels of six or seven headings on 80 ft centers approximately 2,000 ft long. Each panel will be driven with three continuous miners with the coal hauled from the miner by shuttle cars to a 36-in conveyor belt. The reason for using three continuous miners on a panel is to get the most rapid extraction possible. When the panel is developed, each of the 64ft square blocks will be split both ways, leaving four square stumps. These square stumps will give the maximum roof support with a maximum amount of recovery. Three miners will be used also on the retreat work, and it will be possible to develop and work out a 2,000 ft panel in approximately 60 working days. The rapid extraction and the method of leaving square stumps on the retreat, we think is necessary if our method of supporting the draw slate with bolts and planks is to be successful. Future experience will dictate the centers on which these

blocks will be driven and the width of the places splitting the blocks. The variation of block centers and width of the places under different mining conditions will permit maximum recovery with maximum safety.

AC Power

All the mining equipment at Ireland mine except for the haulage, is operated with AC instead of the conventional DC power. The underground power will be distributed at 6,900 V through "Mine Power Cable" insulated for 8,000 V. One of the three underground wires is insulated to form a circuit to insure continuity of ground wires throughout the entire system. In case of a ground circuit failure or a fault, the automatic breaker on the surface will disconnect all AC power in the mine. Air-cooled transformer units reduce the primary voltage to 440 V for use in the working areas. The 440 V power is distributed through Type G cable with ground conductors connected through relays and current-limiting resistors to the transformer neutral. This limits the voltage to ground and cuts off power to any circuit in which there is a fault. Distribution panels have ground-trip devices so that all electrical failures are confined to a single piece of equipment or cable. With this system when there is a trailing cable fault, there is no are or burning that usually occurs on conventional DC cables. This distribution system is practically the same as the 4,160-V system that has been used successfully in stripping operations for the past 15 yr.

Main Haulage Design

The main haulage system has been designed to be as safe as possible. The roof and ribs will be wire meshed and gunited; the main haulage track will be 85-lb welded rail on treated ties ballasted and drained; adequate clearance will be maintained on both sides of the haulage road: the trolley and feed wires will be installed 61/2 ft above the rail automatic electric switches, electric block signal system, and trolleyphones will be used for control. Ventilation throughout the mine will be provided from dual fans with automatic controls. Newly designed wet rock dusting units are used in the working face and are followed up with the conventional high-pressure drytype dusting machines.

Shaft Sinking

The three shafts at this operation were sunk using the method developed at Hanna Coal Co.'s Eastern Ohio mines. A ring of holes is drilled with a heavy-duty stripping drill around the perimeter of the shaft from the surface to below the coal. These holes are approximately 16 in apart and 8 in in diameter, and their primary purpose is to act as breakers. Seven holes are drilled to form a shooting pattern inside the rings of breaker holes, and these shot holes are then filled with sand. Approximately 10 ft of sand is blown out of each shot hole with an air lines and each hole loaded with 25 lb of 60% gelatin. A round is fired and the rock loaded out of the shaft with a power shovel on the surface using a clamshell bucket. In this method of sinking the only time that men are in the shaft is to scale the ribs and to blow out and load the shot holes. This greatly reduces the man hours of exposure of men working in the shaft.

Two slopes were driven at this operation, 600 and 1,300 ft long. They were driven with mechanical equipment. Roof bolts were used to support both the roof and ribs in the slope driving. An exhaust fan was used and a curtain wall erected of corrugated sheet iron so that all the equipment was operated on intake air in the slopes.

In developing Ireland mine the most serious safety feature that has been encountered is the training of employees. The United States Bureau of Mines conducted their accident prevention course with a 100% participation which was very successful. We are at the present time starting classes in safety and mining at the mine that will be conducted by various members of the organization. First aid and mine rescue classes are planned in an effort to properly train employees and supervisors.

At Ireland mine we have received excellent cooperation from both the Local and District organization of the United Mine Workers of America, U. S. Bureau of Mines, and the West Virginia Department of Mines; and with this assistance, we hope to make Ireland mine the safest mine in the



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TYPICAL ROCK over coal seams in western Pennsylvania. When such rock caves into a mine void it does not break back. Rather it cantilevers and projects. Thus "draw" in the commonly accepted sense is impossible.

Rock character and the way it breaks up rule out the old "draw" theory. Surface action is the real cause of breaks back over the coal.



"DRAWS" even where no coal has been extracted. These slips caused by soaking of surface material with water are examples of conditions assumed to be draws.



The Facts About Draw

By ALFRED W. HESSE Consulting Engineer, Waynesburg, Pa.

SUBSIDENCE OF OVERBURDEN as a result of the mining of bituminous coal does not create a "draw" from the level of the coal to the surface. This, of course, is contrary to long and widely held opinion, but nevertheless is the conclusion that must be reached in studying failure of oil and gas-well casings.

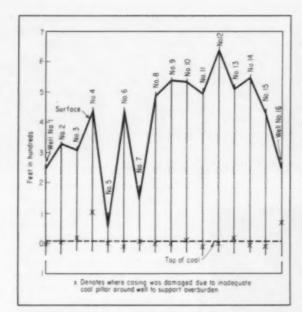
Draws may occur, but not, in my opinion, as they have been pictured in the past. By this I refer to the concept that overburden breaks slant back over the solid coal at angles of 8 to 15 deg—a concept that goes back a half century or more. But, to repeat, surface breaks do occur back over the solid coal. If not draw, what then is responsible? The evidence, in my opinion, clearly indicates that such breaks are a result of movement of the surface material and not breaks starting at the coal.

One reason for logical doubt of the traditional draw is the nature of the rock normally present over the coal. Even the shales are not toothpastes that can be squeezed out between the harder strata. Rock of this type does not slough off. As the falls extend up toward the surface and the weight of the overburden decreases, is it not more reasonable to expect that the upper strata of the rock will cantilever, rather than break back over the solid support?

How Rock Breaks Up

Also there is question of swell as the rock breaks up. Nobody disputes that the more completely the overburden is broken up as it falls the greater its volume. Consequently, when the coal is deep or thin or both, the breakup of the strata may increase the volume to the point where it supports the upper layers and the break does not reach the surface. Again, is it logical to believe that the material will break back over the solid coal? If this were so, the chamber formed

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SIXTEEN WELL FAILURES-All resulting from inadequate pillars. If the "draw" principle applied, the failures should have occurred well above the locations where they actually did take place.

Sandstone a Coal leve

IF DRAW TOOK PLACE-sketches show how 8- to 15-deg draws would affect gas-well supports with coal pillars 100 and 200 ft in thickness if such draws actually occurred in line with past theory.

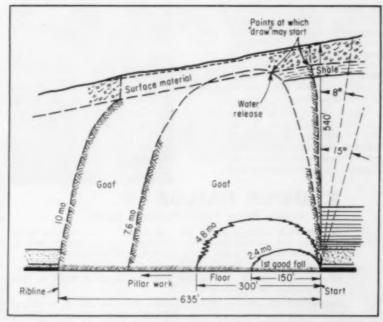
in the solid strata would extend over the solid coal in defiance of all rules of normal behavior of breaking beams or strata.

Places where coal thickness was so great that swell did not fill the voids and breaks consequently come to the surface provide an opportunity for checking. In Greene County, Pennsylvania, as an example, no true 8to 15-deg draws, as evidenced by cracks in the surface, have come to my attention in 39 yr of mining in the county. True, there have been surface breaks back over the solid, but my observations indicate that they were the result of surface movement only and did not involve the rock strata at all.

How Well Casings Fail

Additional concrete evidence is found in the failure of gas and oilwell tubings and casings as a result of inadequate pillars. In a study of 75 gas wells it was found that in practically all instances the damage to the casing or tubing was in the coal horizon. The conclusion is that the failures were the result of movement of the column of overburden over the coal pillar.

This movement can be vertical or horizontal. If the coal pillar crushes, or a soft layer under the coal squeezes



WHAT REALLY HAPPENS in subsidence, based on action in Greene County, Pennsylvania. If draws of 8 or 15 deg were assumed, the rock would have to slough as indicated and fall into some available space. Here all that would be available is the triangular opening near coal level, which is manifestly too small. But, as indicated, slips may occur that may be mistaken for "draw."

into the void spaces, the casings will fail vertically. Evidence also has shown that the coal pillar and over-

slips on underlying soft material. It is probable that a combination of these actions is involved in the failure lying overburden column may shift of a well pillar, and that the casing sideways because of pillar skids or failure reflects a combination of compression and shear resulting from movement of the overlying strata.

Sixteen well-failure locations are shown in an accompanying chart, which also shows depths to the coal. All these failures were a result of inadequate pillars. In the case of No. 12 well, the earth subsidence was 18 in at the well, and when the hole was reamed out to reestablish a connection to the casing below coal level, the pillar was found to be crushed to fine coal and shifted. The tubing above the coal, as shown in the ac-

companying photograph, was not damaged.

With any of these wells, over 350 ft to the coal and with pillars not large enough to support the overburden, application of the 8- to 15-deg draw rule would have resulted in casing failure by shear in a zone between 186 and 355 ft. Or, if the well was protected by an adequate pillar, the principle of draw still should apply. Yet, to my knowledge, that has never happened.

What, then, does take place when

the zone of subsidence extends beyond the face of the workings? Howean we account for surface breaks beyond the zone of subsidence in certain mined-out areas? It is the unusual, rather than the usual, when a noticeable draw appears on the surface, but when it does it usually is assumed that it started down at the coal bed. But if "Not so," is there any other reasonable explanation?

Pseudo Draws

Some examples of what appear to be draws are shown in the accompanying photographs. Actually, when these are studied it is found that the action is in the surface material only. In other words, it is the normal slip or landslide. The conclusion therefore is this: When the ground is opened, whether on a hillside or at the dome of the subsidence taking place over a mined-out area, the condition making draws similar to those in the pictures is established. There is no rule—of thumb or otherwise—to determine how far these draws will extend.

A conception of the sequence of subsidence in Greene County mines where modern and efficient methods are employed to remove all the coal is shown in an accompanying diagram. The overburden directly over the removed-coal area falls before any draw to the zone outside the workings can take place. To get 8- to 15-deg draws, therefore, the strata would have to tilt up and/or outward to find space for its bulk, which seems highly illogical for the strata in question.

The nature of the surface material where "draws" have been reported is of a nature that could slip or slide. It includes "unconsolidated material," as found in Northern Illinois; sand and gravel; and, as under a town near Pittsburgh, quicksand. Pillaring was being done in the area of the latter but too far away from the town for subsidence to be a factor. Yet streets, utilities and homes were damaged—but not two wells drilled through the same material.

Surface materials of these general types, mobilized by water or released by the dome of subsidence, might-and no doubt does—shift or flow to voids left by falling rock in the subsidence zone, thus, rather than fracturing of the main overburden, resulting in draws.

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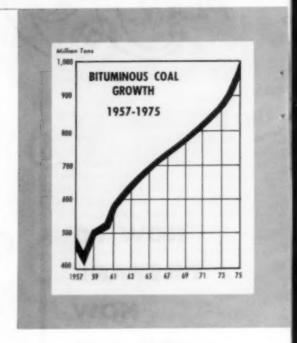
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	Actual				- E	STIM	ATED -		
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Utility (including nuclear and aluminum plants energized by utilities)	157	157	182	194	220	245	290-320	370- 410	450- 560
Steel & Coke (including roll- ing mills, taconite and sintering plants)	113	92	116	120	125	130	130-150	140- 160	150- 170
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Retail Deliveries	36	34	37	38	40	42	40- 50	40- 60	50- 70
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Overseas Exports	57	39	52	55	58	60	65- 75	75- 90	80- 100
Total Consumption	487	430	510	539	589	637	710-830	850-1030	970-1270

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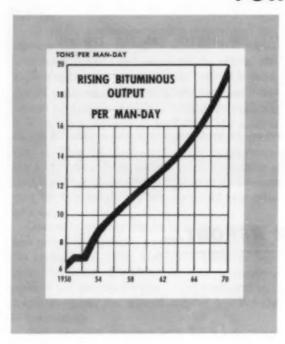
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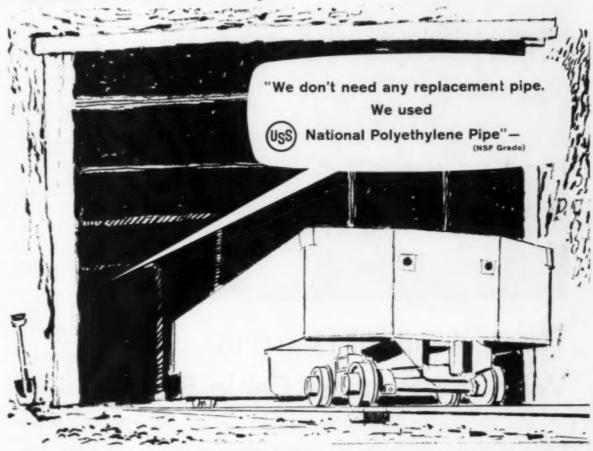
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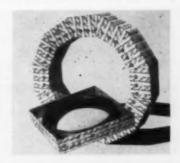




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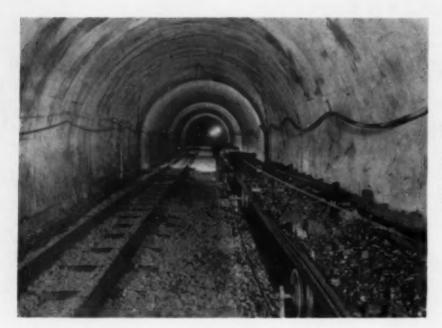
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With 1½ million tons already handled, cable belt in Princess colliery slope has operated with almost no difficulties. Substantial operating economies have been achieved in addition to lower first cost.

FIRST on the North American Continent, the cable belt at the Princess Colliery of Old Sydney Collieries, Ltd., Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, has proved itself by handling nearly 1¼ million tons of coal in slightly over 2½ yr of operation. Difficulties have been almost nil. None were the result of the basic design, and a trouble-free belt life of over 10 yr is expected.

The Princess cable belt went into service Dec. 5, 1955, to substitute for the previous shaft hoist and make possible an increase in the capacity of the operation, which was limited to around 1,000 tons per shift and 2,000 tons per day of two shifts. Since the existing shaft penetrated water-bearing measures and the pillars supporting it were small, it was decided to put down a new opening. A slope to the existing shaft bottom was indicated as

a result of a study of the various alternatives, including installation of a new shaft.

Slope sinking started Oct. 15, 1951, and was completed April 9, 1955. Installation of the conveyor, underground dump and other equipment was completed in November and actual hoisting, as previously noted, started Dec. 5.

Slope Specifications

Length of the slope is 3,445 ft. Inclination is 11 deg. Of arched construction, finished dimensions are: width, 18 ft; height, center, 13 ft. Support is provided by semicircular steel girders on 4-ft legs, all set in a concrete lining. The cable belt is placed on one side and the supply and man-riding track on the other.

Original planning for the installation was based on three conveyor units, each approximately 1,200 ft long. While the slope was being sunk, cable-belt installations in Great Britain, where the unit originally was developed, were studied by company engineers, and it was decided to go to a single cable belt.

Total length of the cable belt, supplied by Cable Belt, Ltd., Inverness, Scotland, is 3,800 ft between drive and return pulleys. Width is 42 in. The vertical lift is 693 ft. The drive is 550 hp and belt speed is 400 fpm, providing a rated peak capacity of 750 tph. Mine capacity is now a maximum of 5,000 tons per day of two shifts, compared to the earlier 2,000.

Cable-Belt Objectives

Major aims in the selection of the cable belt were:

- 1. Elimination of two underground drives and drive houses.
- 2. Elimination of two transport points.
- 3. Elimination of intermediate conveyor structure.

 Reduction of coal degradation and dust. Although a cable belt drive is more expensive than one of the conventional type, the achievement of these aims showed a net saving in the cost of installation.

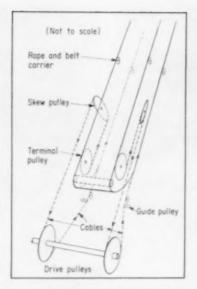
Length and lower cost are made possible by the special design of the cable belt. In this design, the tension members moving the belt along are separate wire ropes, one on each side. In the conventional belt, the carcass is the tension member, increasing both thickness and weight. By relieving the belt of the pulling job and limiting it to carrying only, it can be reduced to a single ply, with a saving in weight and cost materially in excess of the cost of the special supporting facilities. Incidentally, the elimination of idlers cuts the friction load to around half that of the conventional belt. A second saving is in the conveyor structure itself, since conveyor rolls are eliminated in favor of simpler rope carriers, or sheaves, fairly wide apart. Edge wear is eliminated, and the absence of idlers eliminates disturbance of the bed and spillage.

Cable-Belt Construction

Construction of the Princess cable belt is shown diagrammatically in an accompanying drawing. The belt is one ply doubled at the edges. The supporting members are transverse spring-steel rods \(\frac{1}{16} \) in square on 3½-in centers, which have been modified in newer designs. A continuous groove is molded into each edge of the belt, as shown, into which the wire-rope pulling and carrying cables fit. In other words, the belt lies on and is moved along by the wire ropes on each side. No other attachments are required.

The wire-rope cables at Princess are 1% in in diameter, and are supported in grooved carrier pulleys. Pulley centers are 24 ft, except at places where the gradient changes, as at the slope entrance. Here, centers are shortened to 5 to 6 ft. On the return side, pulley centers are increased to 48 ft.

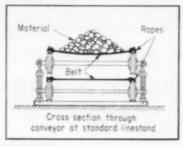
Wire cables and belt are endless, and the secret of the design is the method employed to separate and reengage rope and belt at the feed and discharge ends. Two skewed pulleys are part of the answer. These are positioned immediately ahead of the conveyor terminal pulleys where the



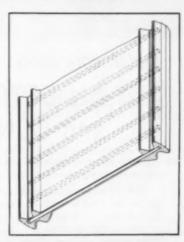


SKEW PULLEYS, shown in detail in photo at right, move the wire cables out as in the diagram, left, to separate belt and cables at drive and feed ends.

Cable-Belt Design and Operation



SHOE molded into each edge of belt rests on wire cables. Transverse steel rods right view) support the single-ply belt and load. The cables are supported by carriers on each side. In this example, the stand is double to handle both loaded and return strands.





TOP-OF-SLOPE VIEW of belt shows rubber shoe on side of belt, rope carriers and control wire which extends the entire belt length.



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actual separation of cable and belt takes place.

As shown in the accompanying illustrations and diagrams, the belt and cables arrive together at the head pulleys, at which point the ropes go around the pulleys while the belt continues forward a short additional distance to a snub pulley where the coal is discharged and the belt is turned for the return run.

Cable and belt are separated at this point and it is now necessary to spread the cables apart, take them on to the drive pulleys and return them to the bottom carriers in position to receive the belt on its return journey.

Spreading is accomplished by leading the cables back to the skew pulleys, the bottom grooves of which are exactly in line with the bottom grooves of the head pulleys. As the cable comes around and off the tops of the skew pulleys, it is out enough to clear the belt and is carried back to the drive pulleys, the grooves of which line up with the top grooves of the skew pulleys.

The cables go around the drive pulleys to the bottom and then are returned, with the assistance of guide pulleys, to carriers directly under the head pulleys, meeting the return belt at this point. Setting the drive pulleys back some 200 ft or so from the head pulleys at the end of the belt makes operation possible in spite of the necessary deflection angle.

A similar but reverse arrangement takes care of separation and reengagement at the foot of the slope.

Cable-Belt Tonnage

Total coal handled by the Princess cable belt to the end of July, 1958, was 1,158,000 tons. The wire carrying cables were changed at about ½ million tons because wires were beginning to rust and break and it was felt that it was better to be on the safe side. Before changing, however, it was decided to try a lubricant that would not affect the belt. This lubricant was found to be satisfactory and was used on the new cables. For this and other reasons, the new cables are expected to handle considerably more coal.

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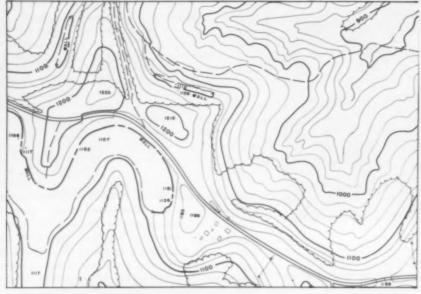
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PROGRESS in a portion of Hanna's stripping operations is shown in this aerial photo, which is one half of a stereo pair. Highwalls appear in the upper half at the left.



MADE IN HALF THE TIME normally required, this map was produced from the photo above and its stereo mate, using a three-dimensional image projected on the mapping table. This image permits rapid determination of elevations and contours.



AERIAL "EYE" is pilotphotographer team with small plane flying predetermined lines above the area to be mapped.

How Hanna Uses Aerial Surveys

In addition to maps, Hanna stripping organization uses low-cost aerial photography as a basic tool in cost control.

FLYING a steady course over a predetermined area a small single-engined plane serves as the "eyes" of the Hanna Coal Co. in operating its stripping properties in eastern Ohio. The crew of the plane takes photographs that Hanna later uses in its landevaluation program, in directing the operations of its stripping equipment, and in keeping a constant check on

The pictures that result from this flying are the first step in the fastgrowing profession of photogrammetry, an art of aerial mapping that Hanna and other coal operators are using increasingly to speed operations and cut costs. In fact, observes Thomas J. Henderson, head of Hanna's land purchasing department, aerial mapping has just about taken over all the company's mapping operations because of its accuracy, speed and low

As an example, accurate topographic maps are needed to help complete negotiations for additional acreage. These maps are needed fast, but in one instance the time required for ordinary ground surveys would have been at least 6 mo. "We solved the problem," says Mr. Henderson, "by turning the job over to the American Air Surveys, of Pittsburgh. We had complete maps in less than 6 wk, almost one-fifth the time necessary for ground surveys. In situations like this, time is money, and the faster we have our maps the more we save."

Aerial-Surveying History

Hanna was one of the first in any industry to use aerial maps. In 1948 there were a few firms that took aerial photographs and claimed that they could produce accurate maps from them. Hanna decided to experiment and had an area of 16 sq mi flown and mapped. They had previously surveyed the same acreage by ground, and used these maps as a control check.

"Despite the rather simple equipment they had 10 yr ago, the maps were so accurate," notes Mr. Hender-

son, "that we had no doubt that aerial mapping was the answer to many of our problems." Since that time, the use of aerial mapping has grown to the point where only minor surveys or deed-checking operations are done for Hanna by ground crews.

Government topographic maps, because of varying degrees of accuracy, were not reliable in giving the company a true picture of the land in question. Often the maps would show valleys where valleys didn't exist, or fail to show ridges that would be of value. Consequently, estimates of available coal frequently were much lower than the actual - or much higher. "Today, we have our own maps and they are accurate. If we want to, we can even look at the pictures through three-dimensional equipment and see for ourself where the hills and the valleys are."

The three dimensional photographs are the raw material from which the topographic maps are made. In flying an area photographs are taken with an overlap of 55 to 60% so that the pairs of photographs can be studied stereoscopically. This is like looking through the old fashioned stereopticans, and gives a third dimensional view. On special equipment, this third dimensional view shows relief. Details that are sometimes passed up on the ground are easily observed. For the mining engineer, this means he can study geologic features, such as benching and outcropping, tracing them over a wide area in a few minutes time.

Cost Control

Hanna also is beginning to use aerial photography and maps for one of their most important operations: cost control. As Mr. Henderson explains it: "All our costs are determined by the number of yards of overburden and tons of coal removed. This ratio of cubic yards of overburden to tons of coal is one of our most important statistics, for it enables us to determine the costs of blasting, stripping, haulage and so on."

they must be up to date, which means that the exact yardage moved must be determined each month. For some years Hanna sent crews out into the field to produce planimetric maps that would show the distance the shovel traveled, and from this determine yardage and tons produced. Because of the slowness of the operation, the crews had to be sent out early; also they had to do some educated guessing for the days they would be back in the office.

Now, the plane takes off the last day of the month and within an hour or two takes all the necessary photographs needed for the estimates. Producing the maps takes two or three days, but before a week has gone by, Hanna has an up-to-date map and figures of the previous month's operation that help keep costs in line as well as help forecast costs in new areas of development.

Solving Problems

While Hanna makes primary use of its aerial maps for land evaluation, purchasing and cost-control, it has found that with such maps conveniently at hand they are solving problems that previously required sending men into the field. The savings in time, aside from the costs of field crews, is quite substantial. The maps have proved especially valuable in laying out access roads, service and communication lines, plotting boreholes, and estimating not only coal acreages but quantities and volumes of timber acreages.

"Costs for aerial surveying and mapping vary considerably from job to job," Mr. Henderson notes. "But on the average, we have found that not only do we get maps in one-half to one-fifth the time needed for ground surveys, it costs us about half as much. As for accuracy, we have found them to be as accurate, if not more accurate in some cases, than ground surveys." This results from the fact that the accuracy of aerial maps meets civil engineering requirements; that standard specifications provide that 90% of all elevations shall be accurate within one-half contour interval; and that no part of the map shall be in error For such figures to be of value, more than one contour interval.



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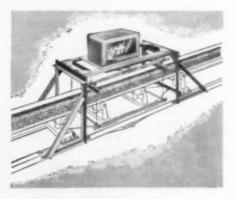


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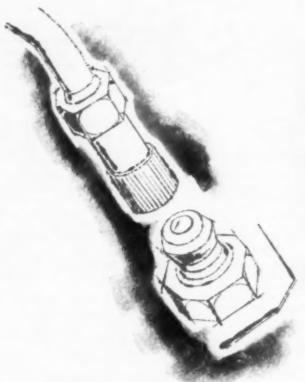
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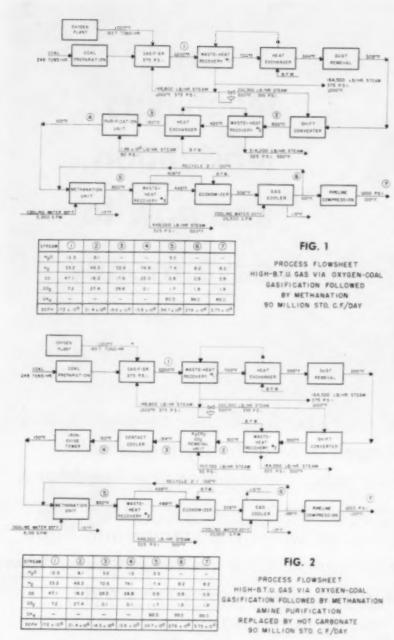


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The Economic Outlook for Pipeline Gas From Coal

What the prospects are for four possible processes, including two using nuclear heat. With \$4 coal, plant theoretically possible where demand would exceed 90 million cu ft per day and sales could be made at over \$1 per MCF.

By Sidney Katell

Chief, Process Economics Evaluation Staff, Branch of Coal Gasification, U. S. Bureau of Mines, Morgantown, W. Va.

BOTH INDUSTRY and Government agencies are expending considerable effort to develop economic methods of producing a synthetic high-Btu gas from solid, liquid or gaseous raw materials. The processes under investigation are many. Some are short-term; others long. All have their merits. All seek the same goal.

Coal is well qualified for conversion to pipeline gas. It is readily available in ample supply and is relatively cheaper than any of the other raw materials.

A discussion of the timeliness of the various research projects is beyond the scope of this paper, since there are numerous forecasters whose predictions are available for evaluation. The contrasts run from anticipated shortages in the 1970-1980 era to the present-day note that gas reserves are increasing.

Bureau of Mines interest in processes for producing synthetic pipeline gas vas a natural outgrowth of the synthetic fuels program. There is much similarity in the initial unit operations for converting coal to synthetic liquid products and converting it to a synthetic gas.

A cost study of any process to convert coal to a substitute natural gas must be considered preliminary, since the process and operating data for many conversion steps either are not yet available or require additional laboratory or pilot plant development.

This paper will be concerned with several cost studies that have been completed. These studies are being prepared primarily to serve as research tools and, as such, should prove their value in guiding the research programs presently under way. The information made available is as factual as the present technology permits. Revision in the cost data will be in order as soon as any of the required additional data are procured.

Flowsheet The First Step

The first step in developing a cost study is preparation of a flowsheet,

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and the first criterion is the size of the plant. For our studies we have selected a unit able to produce 90 million standard cu ft per day of high-Btu (900+) gas. Fig. 1 is a flowsheet in which coal, steam and oxygen react to produce a synthesis gas. The raw gas, after dust removal, is shifted, purified with D.E.A. and iron oxide, and then upgraded (methanation) to produce a 930-Btu gas. At the time of preparation, this particular study was established as the base with which to compare subsequent studies.

The next flowsheet (Fig. 2) differs from the first in respect to the purification scheme. Hot-carbonate scrubbing, developed by the Bureau of Mines, at Bruceton, Pa., is utilized in place of the D.E.A. previously mentioned.

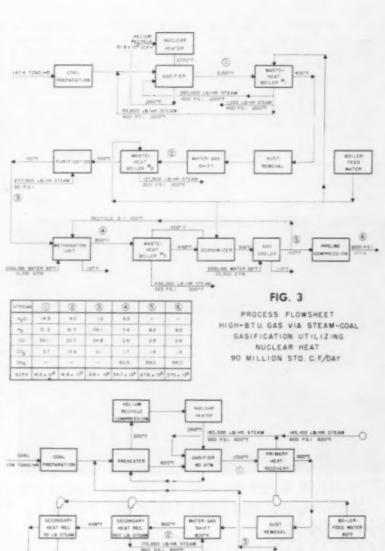
The bureau, in cooperation with the Atomic Energy Commission, had initiated an investigation dealing with the application of nuclear energy as a source of process heat. Various approaches to the problem were outlined in an article by Strimbeck, McGee and Katell, "Atomic Energy in the Gas Industry," published in the October, 1958, issue of the American Gas Association Monthly.

One potential nuclear application is in synthetic-pipeline-gas production. Fig. 3 is a conceptual design in which the heat required for the steam-carbon reaction is provided by a nuclear heater. The oxygen plant is eliminated and the coal requirements are considerably reduced compared to the two systems previously summarized.

One other concept that is even more theoretical is shown in Fig. 4. It visualizes the reaction of steam, hydrogen and coal, with nuclear heat, to produce a gas containing approximately 48% hydrogen and 23% methane. After dust removal the gas is shifted, purified and enters a separation unit where the hydrogen required for the initial gasification step is removed from the product stream. Separation may be accomplished by any one of three methods: adsorption, absorption or low-temperature liquefaction.

Cost Estimates

Recognizing that the validity of several of the process variables will require laboratory verification (for example, the kinetics of the steam-



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3.	Steam-coal gasification (nuclear heat)	72,000,000	800
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hydrogen-coal reaction is an unknown factor under the conditions we visualize) we have developed cost analyses of the foregoing modes of producing a synthetic pipeline gas from coal.

The estimated capital requirements, which include initial catalyst and chemical costs, interest during construction, and working capital are as shown in the accompanying table (on the preceding page).

We are obviously dealing with

base-load-plant installations, since the one item of return on investment alone, at 12%, equals \$8,640,000 in Case 3 which, in turn, is equivalent to \$0.29 per MCF, assuming operation for 330 days at full load.

With a 330-day operating year, coal at \$4 per ton, labor at \$2.25 per hour, and payroll overhead at 18.5% of payroll; the cost of engineering, laboratory, accounting and other items of expense which cannot be directly charged to the op-

erating units charged at 50% of labor, maintenance and supplies; property taxes and insurance at 2% of investment; and depreciation at a normal depreciation rate of 5%, the estimated operating cost has been calculated to amount to:

Per MCF	Per MCF			
Before Return	With 12 Percent			
on Investment	Gross Return*			

1.				\$0	.75	\$1.13
2				0	.70	1.04
3				0	.60	0.89
4				0.	52	0.84

*Gross return is defined as return on investment before income tax.

One of the assumptions made for these studies is that the plant is adjacent to the mine site, and that the average cost of the run-of-mine coal is \$4 per ton. With a deviation of \$1 per ton for the coal price, the cost of gas will vary \$0.08 per MCF for the first two examples and \$0.04 per MCF for the remaining two.

Gasification Possibilities

Several conclusions can be established on the basis of the information presented and on the status of the various research programs contemplated or in progress.

From the estimates and published data from the Institute of Gas Technology and other sources it may be stated that there are now available coal gasification processes (oxygensteam-coal) which could be put to use if there were an area where sufficient sales for gas at over \$1 per MCF would warrant the construction of a 90-million standard cu ft per day plant. Breaking the "dollar barrier" would entail considerably more of both basic and applied research and would probably require a concerted effort on the part of all interested parties. We must not lose sight of the fact that a plant of the size under investigation would take approximately 2 yr to build, preceded by a 2- to 3-yr period for preparation of engineering design and equipment specifications.

There are several other processes being considered for the conversion of coal to a synthetic pipeline gas, and the economics of the following will eventually be included in the series of cost studies:

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- 2. Coal hydrogenation.
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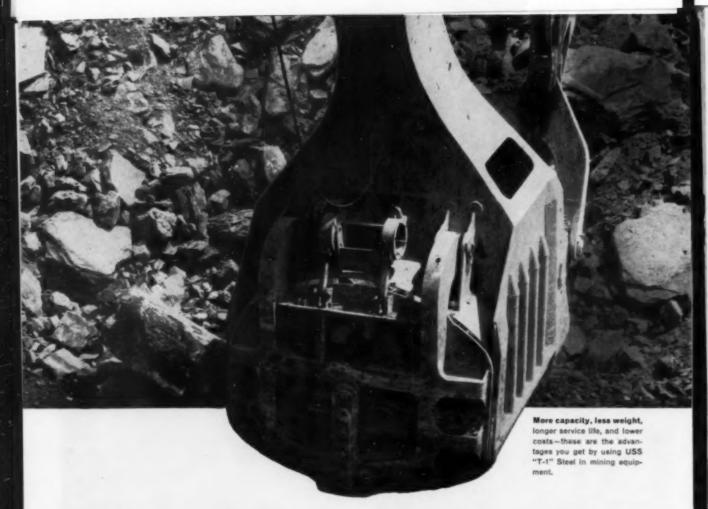
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Reading for Profit

Reading for profit consists of getting useful ideas out of the printed matter before your eyes, then putting these ideas to work. Here are same helpful tips on reading.

YOUR JOB-RELATED READING can be a boresome chore if you merely plod through the printed words. On the other hand, such reading, if it is done well, can result in marked improvement in your job performance. Reading is like most other things we do—we become more proficient if we approach the activity with a plan of action and if we remember that practice improves the skill.

The benefits result from getting more out of what we read, not from reading our business literature faster. It comes down to a matter of intelligently selecting the material that should be read, then reading it deeply to achieve full comprehension.

You might think of it as a process of "two-level" reading. At the top level the eye scans the words to register their meanings. At a deeper level the brain

thinks about allied experiences the reader has had, and the matter on the printed page now becomes assimilated in the reader's own experience. This is the kind of reading one remembers. Reading only at the top level can be entertaining, but job-related reading should go deeper than that.

In an article in a recent issue of Manage Magazine, Lester F. Zerfoss, staff advisor for executive development at American Enka Corp., lists five guiding principles for developing better reading skill, as follows:

1. We must realize that when we read for a specific purpose our reading is more productive. This assumes that we have spelled out in advance of the reading just what it is we expect to get from the article. This expectation should lie in the area of our working needs

and current problems much more than in the area of filling a storehouse of ideas for some future, undetermined situation. The longer the time between the reading and the use of the idea the greater the chances of losing the idea forever.

Reading critically is far more productive than reading in full endorsement of the author's ideas. If we read endorsingly or passively we might substitute the author's thoughts, conclusions and judgments in lieu of our own.

3. Keep in mind the author's plan of writing. This is more productive of ideas than merely reading pages. The usual article of value consists of a sequence of ideas in logical relationship. "Skimming" destroys the sequence and thereby limits the values that might otherwise be obtained from the reading.

4. At the time of reading the process should provide an understanding of what

QUOTES AND NOTES:

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AUTHOR: R. A. Gardner, Ch. Engr., New River;
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SOURCE: Coal Age, August, 1958, Pg.

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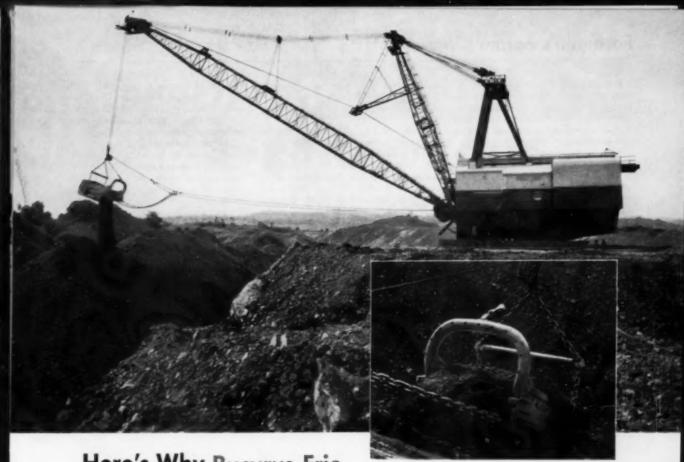
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is being read, which should immediately spark a reaction to relate what is being read to the reader's own experience. Then the process should extend into making a plan to put the new learning into prompt use.

5. A simple system of note-taking will double the usefulness of what we read. It will also greatly increase reading efficiency by injecting the reading into working relationships which will make it pay off.

Mr. Zerfoss in his analysis then points out that reading is a complex process in which the reader must put to work a number of skills, including the following:

The skill of condensing ideas—This
is what the writer does as he writes. He
takes a body of information and fashions
it into a reasonable perspective. He
digests, summarizes and briefs his information into a package of ideas. The
skillful reader keeps this in mind as he
reads.

2. The skill of amplifying ideas—This is the opposite of the first skill. The reader expands the thinking of the writer by drawing upon his own experience to provide additional illustrations and details and to personalize the main points brought out by the author.

3. The skill of selecting the unique contribution of the author—Articles on any timely subject will have a certain amount of overlap because they will be based on a body of common knowledge. Some reference to this common knowledge is necessary to set the stage for each article. However, in each article there will be one or more additions to fact or a new point of view. Recognizing these unique contributions requires critical reading as opposed to passive reading.

4. The skill of identifying possible uses and translating those uses into the reader's work—This calls for an extension of the author's thinking and a deliberate attempt to tie his thinking to our own experience so that a new experience is projected into our work. The ability to do this is the heart of bridging from theory to practice, from ideas to action. It is the essence of reading for profit.

5. The skill of associating key words

This skill puts our memory to work
for us where it does the most good,
in helping us store and retain ideas for
future use. Economy in reading is served
when the reader's ability to associate
key words or phrases with main points
in the article is highly developed.

6. The skill of relating what we read to basic principles—A single idea or application appearing in an article is only of immediate and limited use until it is related to a basic principle or a generally accepted theory. Then we are able to apply the single idea to many

These are the skills which can be developed to help us get more value out of our job-related reading. But still there is that compulsion to put the reading to practical use. Mr. Zerfoss advocates the practice of preparing a file card on each article which contains personal job value immediately after the article is read. Without the use of the card, reading tends to be passive and use-delayed. Once the reading material is out of sight it is easily forgotten or placed in the "good intention" file, never to be seen again.

Use of such a card forces an extra reaction to reading. An immediate evaluation of usefulness must be made on the content of the article.

A 3x5-in file card can be used to make a good permanent record of a valuable article. As shown in the accompanying illustrations, patterned after Mr. Zerfoss' suggestions, the identification and theme of the article can be entered on one side of the card. Interesting quotes, key words and possible areas of application are entered on the reverse side. Note that the location of the article or the issue in which it appears also is written down, making it easy to consult again the original information.

The use of file cards is one way of keeping your job-related reading alive. You may work out some other method more to your needs and liking. In any event such a system provides byproducts which can spread the profitable influence of intelligent, thoughtful reading. For example, an executive who takes the time to prepare such cards may route the cards to staff members who should study the particular articles for job information. Or a collection of such cards provides the quickest way to initiate a survey of current literature on a particular subject when a working organization launches a project in that field.

Getting right down to the heart of the matter, language and the written word are still our most effective means of communication. They are indispensable in doing our daily work. Just as with the other tools we use, we can achieve greater efficiency in reading by sharpening our skills and by approaching the reading activity with a plan of action.

This Is What I Believe . . .



Mr. Leman

THE PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY of Samuel C. Leman, president, Leman Machine Co., Portage, Pa., was published in a recent issue of the Portage Dispatch. Take a few minutes to read his meaningful statement. Here it is:

Recently I was asked this question: What is your formula for success?

I was flattered when I was asked because, frankly, I don't know what a person means when he uses the word success. To some, success means a large portion of worldly goods; to others it means living and working honestly, sincerely, with faith in God and country.

I like to put myself among those who believe in this latter definition of success. The key words, according to my definition, are:

Honesty—The will to do the best you can; to do a little more than is necessary just to get by; to treat your fellow man fairly and to recognize that your own services have value.

Sincerity—To treat every project you undertake as though it were the only thing you were to accomplish; to recognize that every duty is an obligation which should be given a full measure of time, attention and skill.

Faith—To recognize that we are here through the will of God to deal fairly with each other, and that through faith we become better human beings. We must also put faith in our American form of government, realizing that under it we have all attained the highest standards of freedom in the world.

It might be said that it is odd that a man's life can be summed up in these three words. But there is an important fact that I would not want to overlook. I am grateful that what I have accomplished has been done in this area, among the finest people I know.

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Operating Ideas



Slope Belt Hauls Men Only

A NEW man-carrying belt conveyor designed by Hewitt-Robins, Inc., is transporting men up and down the manway slope at Johnstown Coal & Coke Corp.'s mine at Panther Gulch, W. Va.

The conveyor, 450 ft long and 26 in wide, extends from the mine entrance down a 20-deg slope to the coal bed, a 97-ft difference in elevation. The men lie face down or sit on the belt single file, about 15 ft apart, facing forward. Traveling at a speed of 150 fpm, they make the trip in 3 min.

The unusual conveyor, called the Manveyor, is believed to be the first ever installed in a mine to carry personnel exclusively. It was installed at the West Virginia operation instead of a conventional mine elevator in a vertical shaft because engineering studies indicated it would be more economical and faster than an elevator.

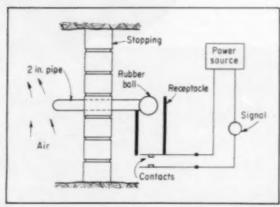
Running continuously during each shift change, the conveyor moves the miners safely and smoothly at a rate of one every 6 sec.

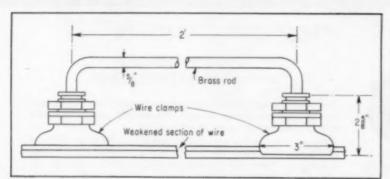
Ball Operates Fan Signal

HERE'S an unusual, simple device developed by Obie Hall, former lampman at No. 3 mine, Powellton Coal Co., Mallory, W. Va., to operate a warning signal when the mine ventilating current stops or is short circuited.

James T. Sauls, Man, W. Va., who submitted the idea, says that a piece of 2-in pipe is inserted through a stopping and extended a convenient distance. A rubber ball is placed against the pipe opening and a receptacle is fitted under the end of the pipe. Air pressure holds the ball in the pipe. Two normally-open contacts at the bottom of the receptacle are connected to a power source and a signaling device.

When the fan stops or the air current is short circuited, the rubber ball falls into the receptacle and closes the contacts in the signal circuit. Mr. Sauls says either a storage battery or 110 V AC may be used to operate a bell or light.





Bridge Simplifies Trolley Wire Repairs

EMERGENCY REPAIRS to trolley wire are simplified with this shop-made bridge developed by J. K. Paul, Oak Ridge, Tenn. He points out the device is especially valuable to the repairman who

sometimes makes repairs while the power is on.

Mr. Paul says the bridge is handy for the following jobs: (1) Where the wire is weakened by arc burns or fatigued by straightening a kink; (2) to bridge a defective splicing sleeve; and (3) to serve as a nipping point so power can be temporarily taken off the wire without interfering with current collectors.

The unit consists of a hard %-in brass rod bent into a U shape and threaded at each end. Conventional trolley-wire clamps, provided with special nuts to fasten trolley wire guard, are secured to each end. Over-all length is 2-ft; thus it can be carried easily in a repairman's tool bag.

To take the stress off the defective section of wire, the bridge can be placed in tension. Here is how it is done. Place the bridge clamps tightly on the wire. Then while holding the bar with gloved hand, strike one and then the other clamp from the center of the bridge. The clamps move outward on the wire, the bar arches and removes some of the tension in the defective area.

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LESS DOWN TIME and easy replacement are benefits of a new shroud link developed for continuous miner.

New Link Cuts Downtime

FOUR DISTINCT BENEFITS are credited to an improved two-part shroud link for a Joy 4CM continuous miner developed by Woodrow Husk, welder at Warwick mine, Duquesne Light Co., Greensboro, Pa. Warwick management cites the following advantages of the new shroud link:

 Either half can be replaced very quickly and easily in a few minutes. Thus miner downtime is held to a minimum.
 And, the pickup bead can do an efficient job throughout every shift in keeping the bottom of the working place clean.

2. The weld is extremely strong and cannot be accidentally knocked off.

3. The cost of the improved shroud link is only about

 The cost of the improved shroud link is only an one-third that of the original link.

4. Daily trouble with shroud links is eliminated.

The improved links were installed in July, 1957, and are still giving good service. The new units are bolted together in three places with %-in cap screws. To attach the new two-piece unit to the miner frame and pickup head, a specially machined 8-in pin is welded to the frame and head. The shroud links can be attached simply by removing the three cap screws and slipping each end of the shroud on its own end of the pin.

As constructed on original equipment, one section of the hinge pin was welded to the miner with three small welds, and the other section welded to the shroud link itself in the same manner. These sections interlocked and were held together by a 4-in bolt.

Warwick management reports that the original design was unsatisfactory for the following reasons:

 There was insufficient welding surface available to weld "ears" to the miner or shroud. Quite often when the chain was too loose or bits were too long, the chain would hit these ears and they would break off.

2. These "ears" would break frequently and it was a time-consuming job to replace them. It could be done only at the end of the shift or on weekends. The machine operating without one or both of these shroud links did not do an efficient job of cleaning up the bottom.

The original shroud was all in one piece and if any part of it broke the entire shroud had to be replaced.

The original shroud was too light in construction to do the heavy work for which it was intended.

Water tank
stainless steel
plate
Plate slides up and down
Reducer
Pump
Angle iron welded to tank,
brought above water level

Flow-Control Device Cuts Cleaning Plant Maintenance

LONGER LIFE for an expensive 12-in gate valve and elimination of the frequent need for draining the sludge tank when making pump repairs or replacing lines are top gains resulting from installing a simple flow-control device in the sludge tank at Duquesne Light Co.'s Warwick preparation

plant. Designer of the flow-control device is Harold Robbins, shop mechanic at Warwick mine, Greensboro, Pa. The new unit consists of a stainless steel plate that can be positioned in angle-iron guides to regulate flow to a pump supplying water to the third-floor washer room.

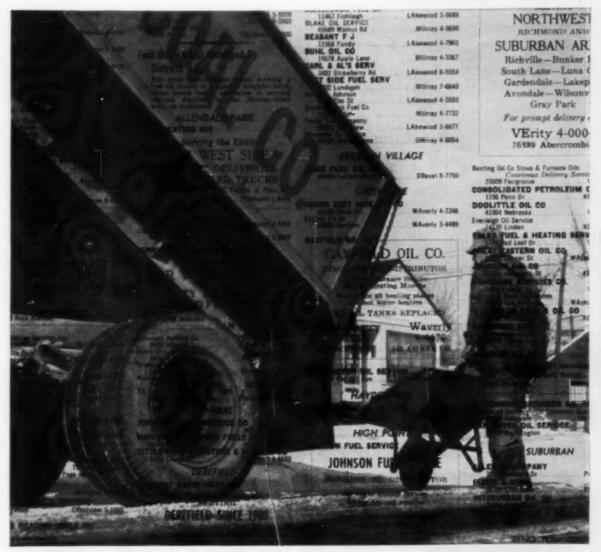
In the cycle of washing coal at the Warwick plant, the water from the washer tank is discharged from a 10-in opening at the bottom of the tank, then through a 12-in gate valve into the suction side of the centrifugal pump supplying water to the third-floor washer room, where coal and refuse are separated by a specific-gravity process.

The volume of material being washed and the refuse content of the coal and refuse mixture determine the volume of water required, and thus the extent to which the 12-in gate valve should be closed. When it was necessary to operate this valve in a partially closed position, the refuse in the water plus the strong force of the suction caused excessive wear on the exposed portion of the valve. As a result, life of the gate valve was less than 1 yr.

In addition to the high maintenance cost, when the valve did need to be repaired or replaced, it was necessary to drain the tank and have the washer inoperative until repairs were completed. In fact, in making any repairs such as packing the pump or replacing lines, the valve usually was worn so much that water could not be completely shut off and it was necessary to drain the tank.

The new stainless-steel regulating device can be raised or lowered to control the flow of water to the pump. The 12-in gate valve then can always be kept in the full open position, except when repairs are to be made, thus eliminating practically all wear on the movable part of the gate valve.

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Equipment Developments



Portable Mining Cable Skids

Emphasis on safety highlights new mining cable skids nade by General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N.Y. The skids serve as portable switching stations for distribution of AC power throughout open-pit and underground mines. Oil-filled power circuit breakers with either manual or electrical operation are utilized. Ratings from 4.16 to 7.2 ky with short circuit capacities from 25 to 150 mva, and an insulation level rating of 75 kv B.I.L. are available. Four designs are made, two for surface and two for underground applications, in weights ranging from 1,600 to 3,450 lb. Dimensions of surface equipment are 46x42x78 in and 46x48x98 in-for underground equipment dimensions are 42x42x78 in and 42x48x98 in. Grounding safety is said to be emphasized by a ground continuity check system which uses an auxiliary disconnect in the primary coupler to provide a monitoring circuit. The circuit is completed last when the coupler plug is inserted in the socket and interrupted first when the plug is removed.

the Primacord, keeping it close to the cartridge. Length is 6 in, diameter is 2½ in and weight is 1½ lb. Field tests are reported to have been good, and one primer unit is recommended per 80 lb of fert lizer grade ammonium nitrate.



Capacity Up for Dump Truck

Payloads of 10 yd or 30,000 lb can now be handled by the new Model 100 Dumptor made by Koehring Co., Milwaukee 16, Wis. The larger unit also features no-turn shuttle hauling made possible by dual controls and a pivoting seat which permits the operator to drive in either direction without having to turn the Dumptor around. Constant mesh transmission and torque converter drive provide maximum loaded speed of 6% mph in low range and up to 20 mph in the other range, high. A free swinging kick-out pan, instantaneous gravity or controlled dump, and 65-deg dump angle are featured. Power steering and the ability of the steering axle to oscillate up to 18 in aids maneuverability and spotting, and helps keep twisting strains out of the main frame. The machine is reported able to climb 28%% grades fully loaded.



Primer for Ammonium Nitrate

A new high-velocity gelatin explosive for priming ammonium nitrate and other low-cost blasting agents is now being offered by American Cyanamid Co., New York 20, N.Y. Called CX-311 primer, it is designed for optimum detonation of free-running blasting agents in stripping and open-pit mining. The cartridge has a 5-in sleeve or Prima-tube positively attached to and extending along the length of the outer cartridge wall, which facilitates loading by permitting the primer to slide along



Rugged 11/2-Yard Shovel

A versatile new 1½-yd shovel has been added to its line of crane and excavating equipment by Manitowoc Engineering Corp., Manitowoc, Wis. Model 2300 is reported easily convertible to 1½-yd clamshell or trench hoe, 1½- to 2½-yd dragline or 35-ton crane. Highlights of the new design are noted to be hydraulic jack adjustment of the crawler drive, extra-tough king pin, flat-designed 62-in roller path, simple

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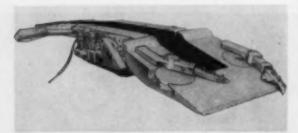
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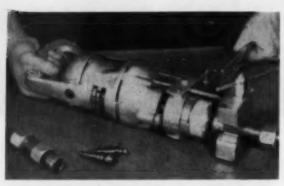
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design with only eleven gears in upper deck machinery and a central lubricating point from which all major grease points can be reached at once. Torque converter, air controls and a self-removing counterweight are optional features on the unit.



New Low-Loader

The "lowest high-capacity loader in use today" is how the Long Co., Oak Hill, W. Va., describes its new 25%-in-high Model 188-D. A feature of the machine is a specially-designed swing boom that is useful in working with Piggyback bridge conveyors as well as shuttle cars. A flat digging angle combined with recessed digging arms permit lifting the counterbalanced head up to 10 in off the bottom without the strokes exceeding the overall height of the machine. Long notes a simplified design with far fewer control and mechanical parts than ordinary loading machines. The 188-D has a single 40-hp motor, only one speed reducer and one motor control.

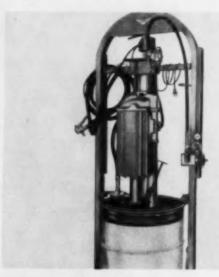


Portable Tool Flares Tubing

Shown above is a portable motor-driven tubing flarer made by Parker-Hannifin Corp., Cleveland 12, Ohio. The Portaflare utilizes a heavy-duty universal gear head electric motor operating on DC or 60-cycle AC 115-V power. Fully annealed steel and stainless steel hydraulic tubing, as well as tubing of other materials, in sizes from ¼ through ¾ in outside diameter and in wall thicknesses up to 10% of tube diameter, can be flared. Individual ball cones are used for each size and wall thickness of tubing. Features are noted to be unique flaring head and feed lever with specially designed tube holding clamp, ball and roller bearings used throughout with permanent lubrication and a cast aluminum frame. The tool may be clamped in a vise or hand-held, when necessary.

Mine Power Safety Control

Mine safety is advanced with a new power system control for mines made by Femco, Inc., Irwin, Pa. The control operates so that all power in the mine is removed when any fan stops. Using a single pair of wires only, the system is claimed to provide both automatic and manual control of all circuit breakers. A central control cabinet synchronizes up to 22 locations, including fans, into a single system. If desired, the system can be installed to control all fans from a central location, and to shut down and lock out all fans until it is safe to re-start them. Rugged construction, low cost, extreme reliability, ease of maintenance and long life are noted for the system.



Lubrication Equipment

Lincoln Engineering Co., St. Louis, Mo., is offering a new air-operated pressure primer, the Dyna-Ram, and a new air-operated forced-induction pump, the Pile Driver (shown above), as part of its new line of industrial lubrication equipment. In addition to the usual fluid materials these pumps are reported to handle extra-heavy lubricants and "non-flowing compounds." Dyna-Ram is said to empty and clean 55-gal drums, even dented ones, right to the bottom, while Pile-Driver is supposed to be able to pump anything that can be pumped.



Improved Tractor-Scraper

Horsepower has been increased to 335 and capacity to 21-yd struck and 28-yd heaped on the Model B Tournapull made by LeTourneau-Westinghouse Co., Peoria, Ill. Low range speeds have been increased to 20.7 mph and top speed in high range is now 30.1 mph, while acceleration has also been increased. Featured are: smooth, unobstructed bowl interior, minimum 1-deg tilt of bowl floor for easy loading, precisely curved tailgate and anti-spill grid which promotes a full rolling action. Positive electric control of the tailgate, more than 7-ft apron lift and a quick drop mechanism on the bowl lift are said to add efficiency. Other trailing units in addition to the scraper are available for use behind the prime mover.





B.F.Goodrich tires give miner 25% more mileage than other makes!

WINTON Coal Mining Company works the strip mines in and around Tamaqua and Coaldale, Pa. Eighteen dump trucks haul tons of coal 15 miles over winding, mountainous roads. Low tire mileage and premature failures were problems for Winton until the company switched to B.F. Goodrich tires. Result: tire failures way down, mileage up as much as 25% over other makes—even two retreads.

Winton uses the Rock Logger tread which, like the new Rock Service, Universal and other B.F.Goodrich tires for mine work, is specially compounded to resist rock cuts and bruises. Rugged cleats bite in for full traction in forward or reverse. For extra-rugged jobs, you can get tires with B.F.Goodrich FLEX-RITE NYLON construction.

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Kickbacks 30 Retarder No. 6 Barney' No. 3 Retarde Building No. 2 Retarder North South Thawing Thawing House

How the new UNION car-retarder system works — Pier 18 has two coal dumping systems and both use the same empty yard. Following through the operation of the North dumper, a loaded coal car leaves the North thawing house, rolls down an incline to retarder No. 1 where its exit speed is reduced, so that when the car rolls on to the "barney" pit, it is stopped by inert retarder No. 4. A "barney" then pushes the car up the slope to the dumper where it is stopped by retarder No. 5. Coal is then dumped into a barge.

The next full car pushes the empty car off the dumper. It goes by gravity through a kickback and spring-switch combination for return through retarder No. 2 to the empty yard. Controls for the power retarders and switches are incorporated in a control machine housed in a new tower building. One operator in this tower surveys the operation and operates the control machine. He has loudspeaker communication with the thawing sheds, the control cabins on the dumpers, and the yard office.



General view of North and South dumpers showing No. 2 and 3 retarders in foreground. Car entering retarder is going to the empty yard.

Fast, low-cost coal handling results from Automation at Pier 18

The Central Railroad of New Jersey recently modernized its coal dumping facilities at Pier 18, Jersey City, N. J. Now, one man sits in a tower, flicks a few levers, and controls loaded coal cars rolling by gravity to the dumpers and empty cars moving from the dumper to the empty yard. Formerly, this job required a crew of car riders and was a costly and hazardous operation.

Now, the job is handled quickly, safely and economically through a

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What is your materials handling problem? If it involves many carloads of coal, ore or other products, let us show you what can be done with automatic car-retarder systems to increase efficiency and reduce costs. Write for information.

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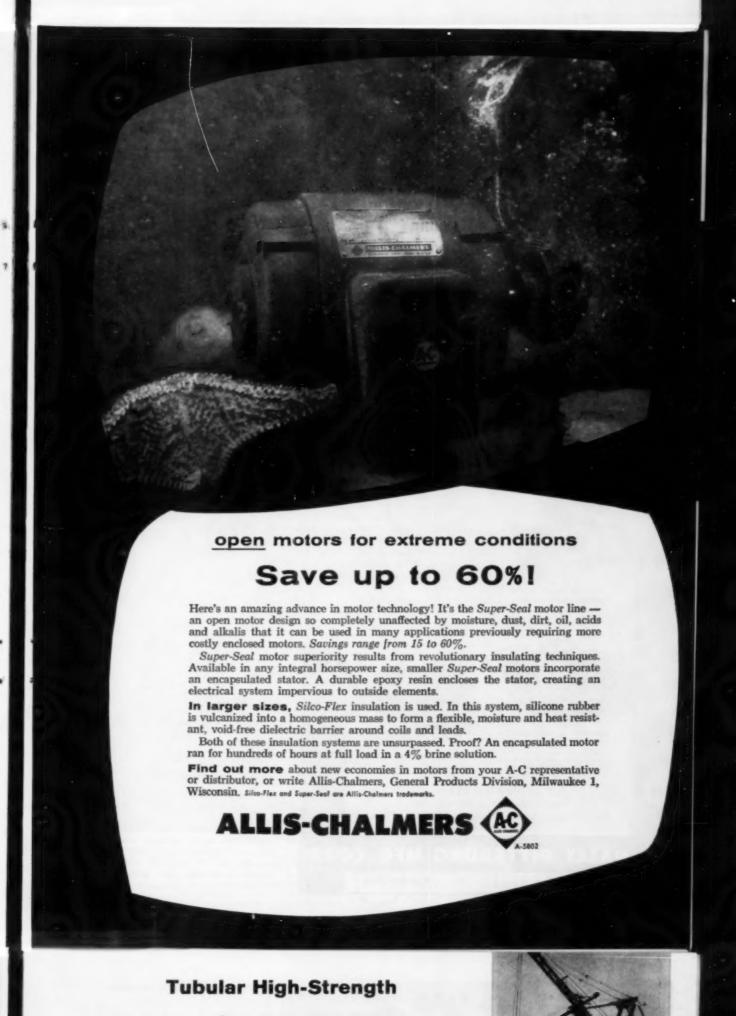
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Rock Bit Easily Extracted

In rock formations where better clearance is needed and extraction of the bit is difficult, the carbide Rok-Bit shown above is claimed to be at its best. The manufacturer, Brunner & Lay, Franklin Fark, Ill., reports the bit has self-clearing chip channels and fast cutaway wings designed to minimize binding and drag. It is available in gauge sizes from 1½ in through 4 in.



Drying Feeders

Heavy and extra-heavy electromagnetic feeders are now available with special direct panel-heated troughs from Syntron Co., Homer City, Pa. A cascaded series of electrically heated panels, loosely interlocked to act as louvres, and allowing forced air from a turboblower system to be blown through and across the material being fed to dissipate vapor, produce efficient drying. Panels can be pivoted and heat intensity regulated to control the desired moisture reduction, it is claimed.



Belt Conveyor Scale

A unitized pneumatic belt conveyor scale which is reported easily installed on existing flat-belt or troughed conveyors with minimal downtime and modification to the conveyor has been announced by Weighing & Control Components, Inc., Hatboro, Pa. The scale employs a flexural frame arrangement to deliver a single component of force

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Tubular High-Strength Steel dipper stick is stronger and lighter

The picture shows a plate of High-Strength Steel that has been formed into one of the stiffest, strongest structural shapes known to man: a tube. It will become an amazingly light and tough dipper stick and permit a shovel to operate with greater cycle speed and capacity. In addition, the design and the steel combine to give it tremendous resistance to bending and shock loading, even at

very low temperatures.

Both USS* Tri-Trn High-Strength Low-Alloy Steel and USS T-1*, a Constructional Alloy Steel, have been used in the most highly stressed members of many shovels—in booms, crowd members, buckets, bail assemblies and frames. They respectively offer increased yield strengths of about 1½ and 3 times that of structural carbon steel, along with

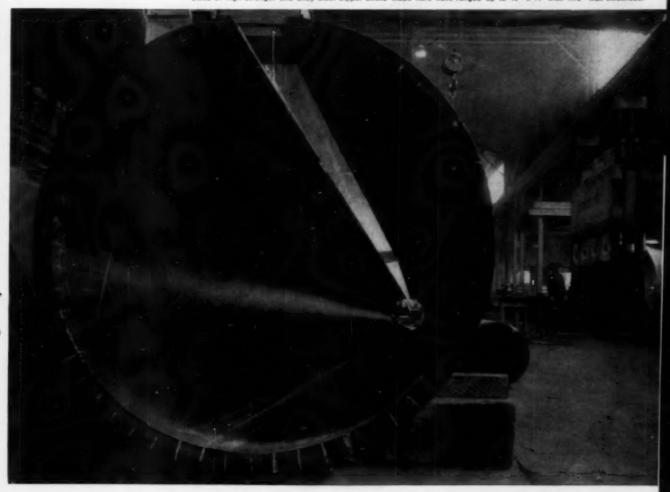


good welding qualities and excellent toughness. Both steels are helping the present-day operator achieve one of his most important goals: to move more and more material at less cost.

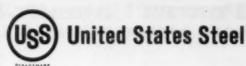
When you invest in mining machinery that must do heavy work, specify USS TRI-TEN* or USS "T-1" Steel for faster, longer, more trouble-free operation. Your builder can give you details.

USS Tri-Ten Steel dipper handle during fabrication at National Annealing Box Co., Washington, Pa., for Bucyrus-Erle.

Sizes of high-strength and alloy steel dipper sticks made here have ranged up to 40" x 77" with 1.75" wall thickness.



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without pivots, knife edges or bearings. Rate of flow of material in terms of weight can reportedly be indicated, recorded, totalized, proportioned or programmed. Coming in a variety of sizes for either fixed or variable speed conveyors, the unit is mounted above the conveyor.



Simple Ground Clamp

Pictured above is a simple ground clamp that is reported to require no tools to connect a cable to it or fasten the clamp to a rail or return feeder. Cable connection is made by insertion into the taper-drilled stem and then turning the knurled handle tight. The clamp is fastened by tightening the set screw by hand. Its manufacturer is Coal Machinery Research, Inc., Logan, W. Va.



Roll Crushers

Eagle Crusher Co., Galion, Ohio, has announced two new roll crushers in sizes 24x20 and 30x24. Rolls are manganese steel and units come with either both rolls smooth, or both corrugated. or one of each. Heavy duty tension springs are cited as allowing one roll to float while the other is fixed, thereby providing for passage of foreign materials which might otherwise damage fixed rolls. Screw adjustment of the opening between rolls up to 3-in maximum is possible. The smaller unit weighs 12,-000 lb and needs 75 to 125 hp, while the larger unit weighs 16,000 lb and needs 100 to 200 hp.

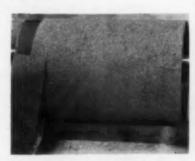
Steel Cord Protects Tires

Two criss-crossed steel breaker strips built in beneath the tread protect the new Nylon Steel Guard tires against sharp puncturing objects. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron 16, Ohio, recommends the nylon reinforced tire for heavy industrial uses including mining. Available sizes are: 8.25-20 through 12.00-24 in Road Lug tread design and: 11.00-22, lug 14, 12.00-24, lug 16, and 12.00-24, rib 16, in Hard Rock Steel Guard Nylon design. All are reinforced with nylon.



Swedish Mine Pump Design

Fully-submersible, electrically-operated mine pumps of Swedish design are now being made by Stenberg Mfg. Corp., Hoosick Falls, N.Y. The Flygt pumps are said to be able to drain water down to one-in depth, do not suffer damage if allowed to run dry and will start instantly when water flows into the sump. It is claimed that they can handle a very high proportion of solids without difficulty, that they require little maintenance and that no suction hose is needed. The largest weighs 1,250 lb and pumps 1,500 gpm at a 65-ft head with 67 hp. The smallest weighs 79 lb and pumps 10 gpm with a 65-ft head.



Non-Slip Pulley Lagging

A non-slip material with a granular surface has been announced for pulley lagging by Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co., St. Paul, Minn. The Scotch-Tred brand covering is said to have the flexibility and pliancy to conform to all types of pulleys, the durability to with-



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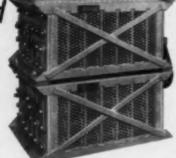
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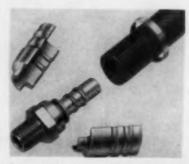


Blade Bites Better

Pictured above is a new tooth-type scraper blade marketed by Electric Steel Foundry Co., Portland 10, Ore. Field reports on a 15½-yd scraper equipped with the new cutting edge showed loading time cut in half when working in limestone and shale, with substantial loading time reductions in other materials also.

Rock Drill

Worthington Corp., Holyoke, Mass., is making a new heavy-duty 4-in Blue Brute drifter drill with standard, neutral and reverse rotation. While retaining all the basic features of the manufacturer's current drilling units, the new drill is reported interchangeable with drills now in service. This is said to result in economical conversion of existing equipment for rock drilling with sectional coupled steels.



Hose Features Fittings

A new truck air brake hose and segmented fittings made by Aeroquip Corp., Jackson, Mich., are said to reduce initial

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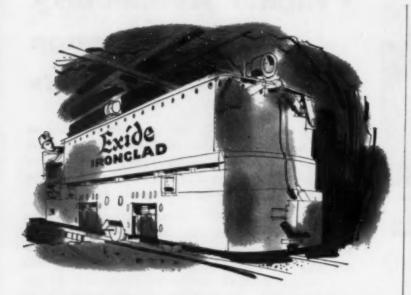
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cost and speed on-the-spot replacements. Both the 2550 Type "A" hose, available in lengths up to 60 ft, and the 2570 Type "B" hose, available in coils up to 300 ft, meet SAE specification 40R2. Aeroquip claims that only a pair of ordinary hand pliers is needed to assemble the segmented fittings. In addition, are available to fit every application.



Two Pulleys Feature Hubs

Two new lines of pulleys, both with "Taper-Lock" hubs, have been announced by Continental Gin Co., Birmingham 2, Ala. Shown above is the welded steel wing-type self-cleaning pulley which assists in belt alignment by preventing build-up of material on the pulley face. The other line consists of crown- or straight-face welded-steel pulleys.

Non-Clogging Pumps

Western Machinery Co., San Francisco 7, Calif., has announced two new Torque-Flow pumps featuring recessed impellers that are reported to make the pumps completely non-clogging and highly resistant to abrasion. Type D is available with horizontal or vertical mounting in 4- and 6-in sizes for general duty pumping of solids, even at high heads and capacities. Type DL is a 4-in version of Type D for use on low head applications.



Crawler More Rugged

A number of improvements in the Model TC-12 crawler tractor have been announced by Euclid Div., General

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Every dipper-full weighs 80 tons! The "River Queen", largest power shovel ever to come out of the Bucyrus-Erie shops, can move over 33,000 tons of earth and rock overburden in a single 8-hour day—enough to fill a freight train six miles long. The "River Queen" flies the colors of the River Queen Coal Company near Greenville, Kentucky, a joint strip-mining venture of the W. G. Duncan Coal Company and the Peabody Coal Company and operated by Peabody.

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She's a big one, all right. Towering as high as a 13-story building, tipping the scales at over twenty-four hundred tons, the "River Queen" is one of the largest pieces of mobile land machinery ever sent into action. And she's powered by a 3-inch, 3/c portable Okocord cable.

She's a hungry one, too! She gobbles up 55 cubic yards of dirt and crushed rock in every bite. She draws 4,160 volts of electricity from her Okocord cable to run the 15 huge electric motors that give her the muscle power to move, wheel and dig.

She needs that power every second—or two and a half million dollars worth of equipment is immobilized. That's why Okocord trailing cable was selected to stand up to constant reeling and unreeling... to twisting and scraping as it's dragged over rocky ground... to being left for days on end in water and muck.

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Motors Corp., Cleveland 17, Ohio. Most of the new improvements result in heavier, more rugged construction and simplified servicing, it is claimed. The 402-net-hp "Twin" crawler has been increased in weight from 64,000 to 67,-000 lb, while an increase of 30% in the mechanical advantage of brakes is said to have been accomplished. A typical change is the replacing of four oil-bath air cleaners with two of the dry type.

Easily-Coupled Drill Steels

Atlas Copco, Paramus, N.J., has introduced Swedish Sandvik Coromant extension drill steel and bits to the U.S. market. The 1½- and 2-in cold-rolled extension steels are sa'd to feature uniform strength, true circular flushing holes and 2-threads-per-in rope threading. A variety of lengths are available. The rope-threaded bits have tungsten carbide inserts and come in sizes to match the extension steel. Shank adapters are also available.

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VERTICAL ALL-WEATHER MOTOR

-Intended for outdoor operation under all weather conditions, the new Weather Protected Vertical Motor made by Louis Allis Co., Milwaukee 1, Wis., comes in ratings of 250 to 2,000 hp. It is reported to meet NEMA Type II specifications, and is made in both hollow and solid shaft models.

STORAGE PILE PROTECTION — A new blend of water based synthetic polymers that forms a thin crust which is tough, durable and highly resistant to weathering has been developed by Johnson-March Corp., Philadelphia, Pa. When sprayed on storage piles of coal, the inert, unreactive and non-toxic chemical is noted as having no effect on the burning qualities, but forms a crust which lasts in excess of a year and reduces erosion of the pile by weather.

GEAR REDUCERS—A compact quadruple reduction speed reducer, available in five sizes, said to produce ratios as high as 2,217:1, is now being offered by Link-Belt Co., Chicago 1, Ill. New larger sizes of double and triple reduction drives are also offered. Capacities exceeding 200 hp are made.

RIGID PLASTIC PIPE—Carlon Products Corp., Cleveland 14, Ohio, has brought out a new rigid plastic pipe which they claim can be used at temperatures up to 180 F and at working pressures averaging 100 psi above those for other similar plastic pipe. Re-



Yieldable Arch provides 'safety valve' against squeezing pressures

As its name implies, the Yieldable Arch is designed to give under the squeeze of heavy ground, instead of suddenly letting go. This yielding action gives the overburden a chance to settle slowly into a natural arch around the drift or tunnel. *

Each set of Yieldable Arches is made up of rolled U-shaped segments, heavily flanged to resist torsion. Segments nest into one another at the ends to form a sliding joint which is secured by U-bolt clamps. The clamps are drawn up tightly enough to create friction joints which hold fast under normal loads. But when pressures bear down, friction in the joints is overcome and the segments slide, thus acting as a sort of safety valve to keep the steel arch

from buckling or deforming under the crushing load.

Yieldable Arches are easy to install; no special tools or fancy equipment is needed. Your own men can set them up and take them down with only a minimum of supervision. And that brings up another important point: Yieldable Arches are usually recoverable for reinstallation elsewhere in the mine. They frequently pay for themselves within the first year of service. One of our engineers will gladly give you full details on the Bethlehem Yieldable Arch.

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ported immune to rust and most corrosion, the pipe, which comes in sizes ½ through 6 in and pressure ratings from 100 to 500 psi, can be cut with a handsaw and jointed by solvent welding.

HIGHWAY TRUCK TIRE—A new truck tire, the Deep Cross Lug, made by General Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, is reported to have a 60% deeper than normal tread. The Nygen carcass combined with a unique tread design is

noted to produce self-cooling and unequaled performance.

RAPID CABLE RETURN-Lug-All Co., Haverford, Pa., has introduced a cable return crank attachment which makes possible rapid return of cable to the drum for all of its portable winch-hoists. The compact attachment has a safety locking pin which shears if undue stress develops. Conversion kits are reported available.

LUBRICATION FITTINGS-Now available in a 4-in size are Keystone RT

lubrication fittings made by Keystone Lubricating Co., Philadelphia 32, Pa. The fittings are said to do away with conventional relief plugs, simplify lubrication of anti-friction bearings and cut lubricating time.

PROPULSION MOTORS – Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee 1, Wis., has added pump drive and propulsion motors to its line. Propulsion motors, for mounting on truck transmission housings, are reported available from one through 8.8 hp, 12 to 36-V DC. Pump drive motors for hydraulic systems range from one through seven hp, 12 to 36-V DC, usually battery powered.

WIRE ROPE THIMBLE—A large rad us to minimize rope bending is said to highlight a new solid wire rope thimble made by American Hoist & Derrick Co., Fort Wayne, Ind. A steel casting, the thimble is available for all sizes of wire rope from ½ to 1% in, for use with pins from 1- to 2½-in diameter.

CONTRACTORS' PUMPS — Worthington Corp., Harrison, N.J., has announced the addition of two new-size models of contractors' pumps, the 15M and 20M. Features are said to include a replaceable cast iron recirculation port that eliminates valves, constant-pressure automatic lubricator and hydraulically-balanced open impeller.

CONTINUOUS MOLDED HOSE—Quaker Rubber Div., H. K. Porter Co., Inc., Philadelphia 24, Pa., now has facilities in the East for producing continuous lengths of molded hose. They cite advantages of the hose such as uniform size and quality, absence of lead marks and availability in one-piece full-length reels.

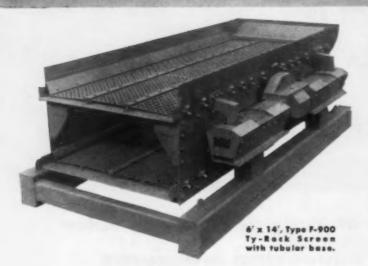
ALL-WEATHER CABS—Clark Equipment Co., Benton Harbor, Mich., offers a full line of all-weather cabs for many models of its Michigan line of tractor shovels, dozers and loggers. Reported to feature all-round visibility, all-welded steel construction and easy installation, the cabs protect the operator from wind, dust, rain, snow and cold.

Free Bulletins

TORQUE FLUID-A new illustrated folder from D-A Lubricant Co., Inc., Indianapolis 23, Ind., provides complete information on D-A torque fluid for use in automatic transmissions, torque converters and industrial machines.

FOUR TRACTOR BULLETINS - The following four bulletins are available from Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria, Ill. "Not an Element of Doubt," 8-p Book-

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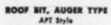
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let No. DE839, explains new oil filter improvements and servicing tips. Booklet No. DE840, 8-p "Hidden Elements," discusses quality features of Caterpillar mining machines in a variety of locations. Booklet No. D837, 8-p "Balanced Power . . . Matched to the Job," describes the D4, D6 and D8 tractors and illustrates how necessary it is to choose the right size one for a specific b. "Increase Power, Production, Profit," 12-p Booklet No. D841, shows the benefits of Caterpillar D8 and D9 tractors.

ROLLER CHAIN HANDBOOK—Link Belt Co., Dept. PR, Prudential Plaza, Chicago 1, Ill., has made available 154-p Book 2657 covering comprehensively all phases of roller chain engineering, from corrosion resistance of the metals and specifications of chains to a textbook of formulas, charts and diagrams for all applications.

DUST COLLECTORS – Ducon Co., Inc., 147 East 2nd St., Mineola, N.Y., offers 8-p illustrated Bulletin No. C-958 describing its high-efficiency cyclone dust collectors. CONTINUOUS BORER—A 2-ft adjustable cutting height is featured by Type 425 Goodman continuous borer. Catalog G-136 gives dimensions, specifications, cutting and kerf patterns, and advantages of the machine. Write Goodman Mfg. Co., Halstead St. & 48th Place, Chicago 9, Ill.

ELECTRIC MINING CABLES—Western Insulated Wire Co., Los Angeles 58, Calif., offers a condensed catalog giving specifications and advantages of its Bronco 66 mining cables, engineered for tough use.

ELECTRICAL HARDWARE - Ohio Brass Co., Mansfield, Ohio, offers new 12-p Booklet No. 1396-H featuring all types of O-B insulators and hardware commonly used on electrical distribution systems, including recent additions to the line.

MAGNETIC SEPARATOR—A magnetic material reported up to 40% more powerful than ordinary permanent magnets is the heart of the Indox V drum separator described in 8-p Bulletin No. 1051 from Steams Magnetic Products, 635 South 28th St., Milwaukee 46, Wis.

HOSE FITTINGS ADAPTERS—Catalog 4490 from Parker-Hannifin Corp., 17325 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 12, Ohio, presents an expanded line of adapters for reusable Hoze-lok fittings, including various styles of connectors for industrial boxe.

LUBRICANTS - Keystone Lubricating Co., 3100 North 21st St., Philadelphia 30, Pa., offers 20-p Bulletin BK-19-a, entitled "Keystone Planned Lubrication," describing eight lubricants which cover about 50% of all industrial needs. Specifications, characteristics and uses are given.

HIGH VOLTAGE CONTACTORS — Airbreak contactors for applications up to 5,000 V are portrayed, along with specifications, in Bulletin 14B7303B from Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee 1, Wis. Type 258A contactors are said to give reliable control of large motors.

TRACTOR DOZERS—"Michigan" Models 180, 280 and 380 tractor dozers made by Clark Equipment Co., P. O. Box 599, Benton Harbor, Mich., are described in a full-color 20-p catalog which is now available. Design and operating features are highlighted.

EARTHMOVERS—A new brochure describing its entire line of earth moving equipment has been released by Euclid Div., General Motors Corp., Cleveland 17, Ohio. Pictures and condensed specifications for the 24 models are included in Form 326R.



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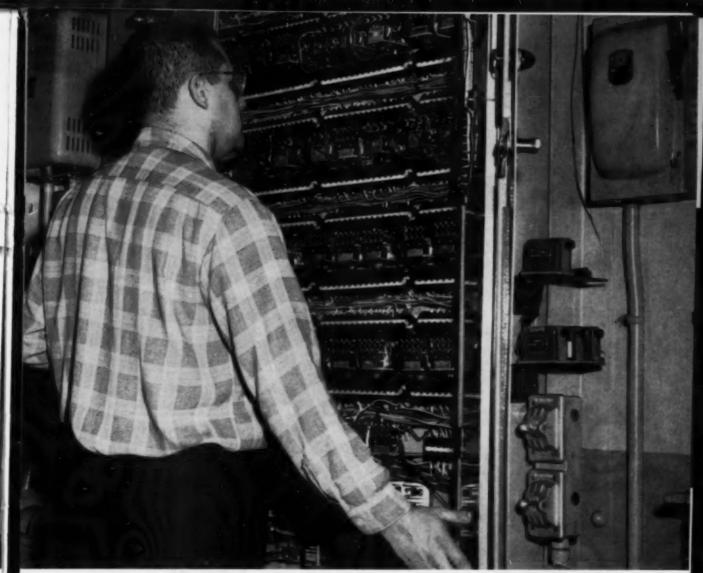
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Among the Manufacturers

New Plant

The recently merged KW-Dart Truck Co. has announced the start of construction on its new 112,000-sq-ft building.

Located in Kansas City, the "\$1 million plus" plant will house both the general offices and manufacturing departments. The off-highway line of Kenworth Truck Div. of Pacific Car & Foundry Co. will be manufactured there,

along with other Kenworth-designed transportation equipment.

Preparation Men Meet

A large group of coal preparation men met in Pittsburgh recently at the invitation of Heyl & Patterson, Inc., contracting engineers.

The main purpose was to acquaint the men with the internal parts of the



Reineveld fine coal dryer and to demonstrate its ease of dismantling and reassembly. Demonstrations, such as the one shown above, were designed to prepare the men for future servicing requirements of their own machines.

National Mine Service Co. has moved its executive offices and has appointed a manager in its Equipment Division.

H. Hadley Merritt is the newly appointed service manager. Mr. Merritt will supervise all service work on National Mine TorKar, AC, DC and diesel shuttle cars. He has had wide experience in service work on mining machinery, having been associated with Joy Mfg. Co. and the Mining Div. of St. Joseph Lead Co. His office is in Ashland, Ky.

National Mine Service has moved from the Alcoa Building to new and larger quarters in the Koppers Building, in Pittsburgh.

Koehring Co., Milwaukee, Wis., has made two personnel appointments and has bought Ka-Mo Tools, Inc., Cicero, Ill.

Philip E. Cunningham has been named new product manager for the excavator line. He received a civil engineering degree from Marquette University in 1939, spent three yr in the army and then joined Koehring in 1946.

Edward R. Gee has been appointed district representative for the northeastern U. S. He has been connected with the construction industry for most of his adult life except for a WW II hitch in the Air Corps.

The purchase of Ka-Mo Tools, Inc., brings to Koehring a leader in the special earth drilling and boring equipment field. Ka-Mo will become a department of Kwik-Mix Co., a division of Koehring.

Robert J. Muth, former Los Angeles branch sales manager for Exide Indus-

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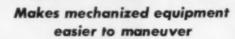
Here's why it pays to bolt your roof

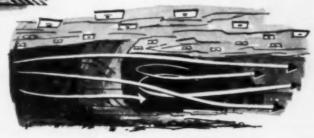


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A 10,000-sq-ft addition to the existing facilities of Flood City Brass & Electric Co., Johnstown, Pa., has been completed.

The addition consists of new offices and plant area for the 51-yr-old company.

Newcomer Products, Inc., Latrobe, Pa., has appointed a sales representative for Indiana, Illinois and western Kentucky.

Newcomer, manufacturer of NP controlled quality carbide and carbide mining tools, has appointed Cartwright-Crismore, Indianapolis, Ind., sales representative in the area.



Astor L. Thurman has been named manager of W. Va. Works, Connors Steel Div., H. K. Porter Co., Inc.

Mr. Thurman (above) has had engineering, production, management and sales experience in the metals industry. He joins Connors after having been executive vice-president of Mannesmann-Meer Engineering and Construction Co., Easton, Pa.

Frank V. Donaghue has been promoted to manager of truck tire sales for General Tire & Rubber Co.'s Philadelphia Div.

Formerly the Baltimore, Md., territory salesman, Mr. Donaghue has been associated with General Tire & Rubber Co. in various sales capacities for many years. During World War II he served in the Army Ordnance Corps, attaining the rank of Major. He is a graduate of St. Thomas Seminary.

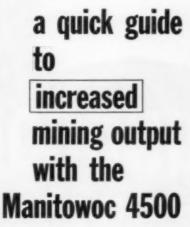
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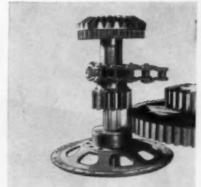
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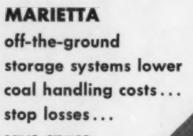
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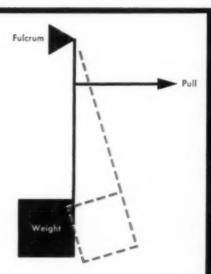
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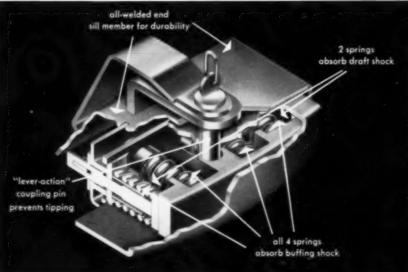
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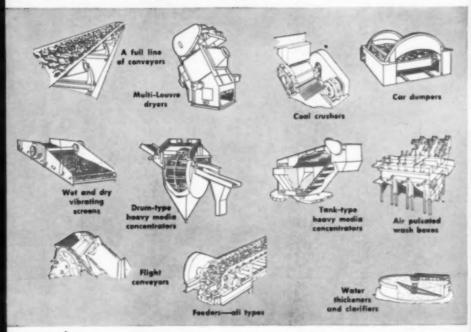
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